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SUBJECT

*Appointment of a Committee to investigate into  
the circumstances of disappearance of Netaji  
Subhash Chandra Bose - Financial Sanctions*

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(GAUTAM GUPTA)  
उप सचिव (ए एच आर एम)  
Dy. Secretary (A&RM)  
विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi

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*17/4/55*



MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
FEA SECTION  
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The Prime Minister has approved the appointment of an Enquiry Committee of three members to enquire into the circumstances of the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose as a result of an aircrash in August 1945.

The Committee will consist of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways, Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, (brother of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose) and an official of the Bengal Government who has yet to be nominated by that Government. He will, however, be a class I Officer.

The Committee will spend a week in Delhi to study all relevant papers in this Ministry about the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose and will later go to Tokyo, Singapore, Saigon and Bangkok in connection with the enquiry. It is tentatively assumed that the enquiry abroad will take about a month.

The following is an approximate estimated expenditure that may be incurred on this Committee:

Cost of two air passages from Calcutta to Delhi.	Rs. 520/-
Daily allowance for two members for a week in Delhi.	Rs. 168/-
Three air-passages (tourist) from Delhi to Tokyo via Singapore, Saigon and Bangkok and back.	Rs. 9000/-
Hotel accommodation at Tokyo, Saigon, Singapore and Bangkok (as for Class I Officers)	Rs. 6480/-
Compensatory allowance to one member for five weeks at the rate of Rs. 25/- per day.	Rs. 875/-
Contingency expenditure including air freight on official records.	Rs. 1500/-
Actual expenses on conveyance at places abroad.	Rs. 1000/-
Total	<u>Rs. 19,543/-</u>

One of the members of the delegation is a non-official who does not draw any salary from Government, a compensatory allowance of Rs. 25/- per day for him has



been provided. No compensatory allowance has been provided for one members who is a Parliamentary Secretary and draws allowance from the Parliament. The third members who would be an official will draw the allowances etc. as admissible to class I Officers.

The Ministry of Finance may kindly see for concurrence before approval of the Cabinet is obtained. The P.M. has already agreed to the sending of this Delegation.

Sd/-(Harbans Lal)  
Under Secretary (FEA)  
2.12.55.  
Tele: 31881

M/Finance (Shri Subramaniam)  
Ministry of E.A. U.O. No. D.5691-FEA/55 dt: 2.12.55.

✓ As informally advised by the M/Fin., a draft summary for the Cabinet is placed below. (A copy of P.M's reply in Lok Sabha to a question on the subject is also placed below).

Sd/- Harbans Lal  
3/9-12-55.

R/ Ministry of Finance (Shri Subramaniam)  
Ministry of E.A. U.O. No.5691-FEA/55 dt: 9-12-55.

✓ cor pp. 11-12  
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10-12.



Ministry of Finance  
(E.A.Divn)

D-15422 EAI/55.

(Notes from page 1/N ante and draft summary for the Cabinet)

Subject to the following comments/modifications, we may agree to the proposal :-

- (i) Daily Allowance at Delhi. Shri Suresh Chandra Bose may be allowed daily allowance as admissible to a Grade I Officer i.e. the maximum Rs.12/8/- per day D.A. admissible to a I Grade Officer, while the officer of the West Bengal Government may be allowed D.A. as admissible under the T.A. rules of the West Bengal Govt.
- (ii) As regards stay at Tokyo, Saigon, Singapore and Bangkok, the members of the Committee may be allowed the prescribed rates of D.A., the non-officials being treated as I Grade officers for this purpose, Split rates of D.A. consisting of free accommodation and cash allowance have already been prescribed at Tokyo, Singapore and Bangkok while only an all-inclusive rate of D.A. has been prescribed for Saigon.
- (iii) The E.A. Ministry have proposed that Shri Suresh Chandra Bose may be allowed a Compensatory Allowance of Rs.25/- per day in addition to D.A. It may be mentioned in this connection that this Ministry have not so far agreed to such an allowance to any non-official deputed abroad and our acceptance of the proposal may create an embarrassing precedent for the future since a good number of non-officials are being deputed to attend U.N. and other International Conferences held abroad. We may, therefore, not agree to this proposal.
- (iv) No separate provision for expenses on conveyance at places abroad need be made since the existing orders relating to D.A. already provide for payment



of actual taxi/conveyance charges incurred on official duty.

- (v) Some suitable maximum may be prescribed for carriage of official records by air and for this purpose the E.A. Ministry will be asked to suggest a suitable figure at the time of issuing the detailed terms of deputation.

Before the file is submitted to the M.R.C.E., the E.A. Ministry may kindly see for acceptance, the comments/modifications suggested in the foregoing notes.

(J.S. (E.A.)) has seen.

Sd/-  
14.12.55.

Sd/-  
14.12.  
U.S. (E.AI).

Sd/- N.Subramaniam.  
15.12.55.

E.A. Ministry (Shri Harbans Lal) u.o. N/R S.O. F.E.A. Section.  
Min. of Finance U.O. No.15422-EAI/55 dt: 15.12.

D.5916-FEA/55.

Ministry of E.A.  
FEA Section.

Finance Ministry's comments/modifications from pre-page may kindly be seen w.r. to our note on pp.1-2 ante.

Sd/- SS.  
16.12.55.

We may accept Finance Ministry's modifications. The total expenses in that case will be Rs.17,668 or about Rs.18000 roughly.

Sd/ G.  
17.12. M/Fin. may see.

Sd/- Harbans Lal  
17.12.55.

R/ M/Finance (Mr. Subramaniam)  
Ministry of E.A. U.O.No. D.5916-FEA/55 dt: 17.12.55.

15764-EAI/55  
19/12.

Ministry of Finance.

Seen in the Ministry of Finance who concur in the draft summary.

(MRCE has seen)

Sd/- N.Subramaniam  
24.12.55.

Min. of E.A. U/o. NR.  
Min. of Finance u.o. No.15764-EAI/55 dt: 24.12.



Subject:- Deputation to Japan of a Committee to enquire into the allegations about the death of Shri Subhash Chand Bose.

(The main file is with Officers in-connection with other immediate action.)

The Prime Minister and the Ministry of Home Affairs had agreed to the deputation of a three man Committee to Japan and the Ministry of Finance have given their concurrence to the expenditure of about Rs.18000/- (17,668 -0 -0.) for the purpose. A summary was also submitted to the Cabinet; a decision thereon is awaited. A copy of the draft summary is attached.

Draft for issue of the financial sanction is put up. The Ministry of Finance (Eco-Affairs Dept) may kindly see before issue from the point of view of the release of Foreign Exchange.

FG, B&A and EII Sections may kindly see first. (This please be treated as a most immediate basis.)

H. Kalyan  
23.1.56

(This draft would be issued after Cabinet's approval has been obtained to the Summary sent to them separately. These formalities may be completed before hand to avoid delay. Finance Ministry E.A.Div will also be shown this draft

Jose  
23/1/56.

VS (FEA)

We have not made any provision re: stenographic or secretarial assistance to the Committee. We shall have to issue instructions to our missions concerned in this respect.

AS (E) may see after FG, B&A and EII Sec's have seen.

K. Chavara  
24.1.56

FG Section.

Seen in FG Section. The Split rates of Daily Allowance for Bangkok and the ceilings for bath/wash charges in Thailand as sanctioned in Memo. No.F.2(9)-E.II/55, dated 14.3.55 have been revised vide the letter of the same number dated the 20th December, 1955.

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B&A.  
E-II.  
FEA.

S.No. 98  
F.24(18)-FG/55

FG M. file  
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Similarly, the Split Rates of Daily Allowance for journeys in Japan as sanctioned in the letter No. F.2(65)-EII/55, dated the 28th May, 1955, have been revised vide the letter of the same number dated the 28th December, 1955. The <sup>latest orders</sup> ~~current rates~~ may, therefore, please be entered in the draft sanction.

S.No. 101  
F.24(18)-FG/55

25.1.56

T. J. Singh  
25.1.56

1/1/56  
323-Sub B2A/56

B. J. A.

Seen. H. A. S.

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US (A)

US (E)

P. N. Mathur  
27.1.56

2.8-9A-E. II/56

K. Majumdar  
28.1.56

U.S. (F. E. A.)

OS (E) may kindly see before this is referred to the Ministry of Finance.

R. S. Chavara  
31.1.56

OS (E)

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D. 1132-FEA/56

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The following further provisions also have to be made in the financial sanction for the Netaji Bose Enquiry Committee. F.S. has agreed that General Shah Nawaz may take his P.A. with him on the journey to Tokyo and other places. He will function as the P.A., Stenographer and keeper of the committee's records and papers. Please obtain the name of the P.A. from General Shah Nawaz's office and include his name in the sanction.

F.S. has also agreed that we may make financial provision for travelling allowances of witnesses from India and Pakistan who have to be examined by the committee in India. Rs. 3,000/-

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may be provided for the purpose.

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SNos (1) + (2)

The attention of the Finance Ministry should be drawn to the two letters of sanction by the Ministry of Railways in the case of Shri Shah Nawaz's appointment as Chairman of the committee to enquire into the causes of railway accidents. In issuing this sanction account was taken of the fact that Shri Shah Nawaz is losing his daily allowance of Rs.20/- per day as a Member of Parliament when he goes out on the work of the Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee. Therefore, it was decided that he will draw daily allowance @ Rs.40/- per day when he is on tour outside Delhi as Chairman of the Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee when the Parliament is in session. The same provision must be made for Shri Shah Nawaz's daily allowance as Chairman of this committee. During the period he is on tour outside Delhi or abroad as Chairman of this committee and when Parliament is in session the daily allowance provided for him in the draft sanction should be increased by the amount he would have drawn as a Member of Parliament.

F.S.'s approval regarding the inclusion of Shri Shah Nawaz's P.A. in the sanction and the provision of travelling allowance of witnesses from India is contained in the N.G.O. file. The draft sanction should now be revised accordingly and approval obtained from the Ministry of Finance.

*A.J. Kidwai*  
(A.J. Kidwai)  
29-2-56.

Pl. revise the  
draft & spec.  
Rsc  
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45/25A.



Reference notes from p 1/n ante

A revised draft is put up as instructed in D.S.(E)'s note on pre-page.

The total expenditure initially estimates was Rs.17,668 (or say Rs.18,000/-) and the approval of Ministry of Finance and the Cabinet for this amount has already been obtained (vide note at 4/n and S/B.)

The following items of expenditure should also now be included in accordance with the note of D.S.(E)

at p.6-7/n ante:-

(a) Amount already estimated	Rs.17,668/-
(b) D.A. to Shri Shah Nawaz @ Rs.40/- for 4 weeks.	* Rs. 1,120/-
(c) Cost for the witnesses	Rs. 3,000/-
(d) Air Passage for the P.A. (Tourist Class)	Rs. 3,000/-
(e) D.A. to the P.A.(ad-hoc)	Rs. 1,500/-

or Say Rs.26,288/-  
Rs.26,500/-

\* @ Rs.20/- for 4 weeks  
for 5 weeks - 700  
Money Change and big note in  
the note for witnesses.  
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This amount of Rs.26,500/- has been incorporated in the draft put up. We are not sure whether we should approach Cabinet again for the additional expenditure. Ministry of Finance may kindly see for favour of concurrence and advice. F.G. Section may also please see the draft before this case is sent to Ministry of Finance.

D.464/FS-18/56  
F.G. Sec.  
WIS(PFA)  
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### FG Section.

Para 4(a) Draft Sanction - To officials going abroad on temporary deputation we usually allow full pay and allowances which they would have drawn but for the deputation. The draft sanction mentions only pay when the officials go out of Delhi. It may be examined whether allowances should also not be allowed.

Para 4(e) Draft Sanction - Shri Shah Nawaz Khan has been allowed to draw Daily Allowance at the rate



rate of Rs.40/- per day. According to the note of Shri A.J.Kidwai at page 7 ante Rs.20/- per day extra are to be allowed only for the period when Parliament is in Session. For the rest of the period daily allowance is to be allowed as ordinarily admissible. The draft may please be amended accordingly.

Incidence of expenditure - In the case of officials, T.A. and D.A. are ~~xxx~~ debitable to the same head of account to which their pay is debitable. The draft may please be amended accordingly.

FEA Section may please see.

7.3.56  
g/pb

T. D. Munggh  
213/56

~~VS (H)~~

VS (FEA)

Necessary amendments are made in the draft. FG Sec. may pl. see again.

R.S. Chavara  
9.3.56

FG/Sec.

FG Section

Seen, thanks with regard to terms - L. B. it also needs clarification whether Shri Shah Nawaz Khan and Shri Suresh Chandra Bose will draw daily allowances at the maximum rates admissible to each grade. Officer A - I have made the necessary addition in para. 4(e).

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~~VS (H)~~

VS (FEA)

T. D. Munggh  
19/3/56

The Ministry of Finance may kindly see for concurrence after SOFA has seen.

R.S. Chavara  
12.3.56

Pl. show it to SOFA personally. I then send to him.

SOFA - SOFA has seen. It has been decided to pay Rs 2000/- to Shri S.C. Bose as an ad hoc grant - as he will not get any basic like his members.



Please consult the Min. of Finance on 'A' on p. 8 enli and prepare a note for the Cabinet if necessary.

FEA

R. S. Chavara  
15-3-56

Ref. above.

Informally ascertained from Min. of Finance that Cabinet approval is necessary for the enhanced expenditure of the Commission. Draft note to the Cabinet is put up for approval pl.

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16/3/56 ~~US (FEA)~~

R. S. Chavara  
16-3-56

~~JS (E)~~

17-3-56

R/ Ministry of Finance (Shri C. S. Menon) - (Two drafts pl.) for Concurrence.

Ministry of External Affairs u/o No. 30 (26/193755 DT. 17/3/56)

D-3130 (E.A.I)/56  
19-3-56

D.No. 999 JS (EA)/56

17-3-56

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JS (EA)

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Ministry of Finance.  
(E.A.Division)

SL No (3)

[Notes from page 5 ante, F.R., revised Draft Summary & D.F.A.]

We agree to an additional expenditure not exceeding Rs.8,200 in respect of item No.(i),(ii),(iv) & (v). As regards Item No.(iii) it is regretted that we seen no justification to agree to this item. Nor has any such grant been given to any non-official member of any delegation. Attention in this connection is kindly invited to our note on pages 3-4 ante wherein the position has been cleared.

E.A.Ministry may also kindly obtain the approval of the Cabinet to the revised draft summary which is to be amended in light of the above remarks.

[ M.R.C.E. has seen ].

(K.P.Soni)  
Under Secretary.

M  
23/3 U.S.(E.A.I)

E. A. Ministry (Shri R.S. Chavan) up to M.R.

Min. of Finance

3130-EA/12

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Ministry of External Affairs

This relates to the decision taken that we should give a lumpsum of Rs.2,000/- as an honorarium to Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, who is a non-official member of the Enquiry Committee. The Foreign Secretary had referred the matter to the West Bengal Government and the Chief Secretary had replied suggesting this amount about which the Chief Ministry of West Bengal noted "I think he is very badly off. It would be better if we could pay him something".\* F.S. has already seen <sup>the letter</sup> and said that "we should proceed on this basis".

2. The Ministry of Finance have agreed to all the requests we have made in applying for sanction for the Enquiry Committee except this one. Shri Chavan, who discussed this matter with the Finance Ministry, was told that if the E.A. Ministry wish to refer the matter back to the Finance Ministry it should be done at Minister level. I have discussed this with J.S.(E) who suggested that

\*Flag C.



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I should put up the papers direct to F.S. who might perhaps like to refer it to the Finance Secretary.

3. <sup>Evidently</sup> Incidentally, it is evidently expected that the non-official member should manage with his D.A. at a Class I Officer's rate, and his actual Travelling <sup>costs</sup> Allowance. The portion referred to by the Finance Ministry in their note (p. 11) mentions their inability to agree to our earlier recommendation of a compensatory allowance of Rs. 25/- per day which they had turned down.\* Our view is that as a special case this allowance may be granted to this non-official member who is not only in straightened circumstances but is also directly interested in the enquiry. <sup>Thus,</sup> we are not in a position to find someone more prosperous who could perform the task without any compensation.

\*Flag D

(S.K. Roy)

24-3-56.

F.S.

By Minister should see.

20/3/56

24/3/56

By Minister

I know the whole Bose family in great financial difficulty and Dr. Roy also recommends some sort of honorarium to Sri Sures Bose. I am certain if F.S. himself took the matter up with the Finance Secretary, the thing would be straightened out without any further loss of time. In case he would like me to write to Finance Minister, a draft may be sent.

His up hand

30/3/56

F.S.

Please put up a draft to the Minister direct.

S. K. Roy

30/3/56

Recd 31/3/56

So post

Draft submitted for approval,

Letter duly signed by AM has been issued + office copy is placed below

D.H.

SL No.

(Issue)

S. K. Roy

31/3

SOFA

24/3/56



Ministry of Finance (Estt. Divn.)

Subject: Payment of compensatory allowance to Shri Suresh Chandra Bose in connection with his work on the Committee to enquire into the circumstances of the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

Ref: D.O. from the Deputy Minister, External Affairs to F.M., No.343/D.M./56, dated 31-3-56.

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In his above-mentioned D.O. the Deputy Minister, External Affairs, has suggested that in connection with his work on the Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances of the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, one of the Members of the Committee, may be given an honorarium of Rs.2,000/-. It is seen that this sum has been recommended by the West Bengal Government.

2. Originally, the E.A. Ministry suggested that a compensatory allowance of Rs.25/- per diem might be given to Shri Suresh Chandra Bose. This Ministry could not then find its way to accept the same, as such a compensatory allowance was usually not given to non-official members of delegations. Similarly, we could not also agree to the payment of Rs.2,000/- as honorarium when it was proposed originally by the E.A. Ministry.

3. The matter has been subsequently discussed by Secretary, R & E, with the Deputy Minister, External Affairs. It has been pointed out that this case is not that of a delegation going abroad but of a Committee which will do part of its work in India and part of it outside. It will, therefore, be a question of remunerating one of the non-official Members of the Committee by giving a suitable compensatory allowance in addition to the normal travelling and daily allowances. In modification of the previous proposals, the Deputy Minister, External Affairs, said that the E.A. Ministry would accept a compensatory allowance at the rate of Rs.30/- per diem for Shri Suresh Chandra Bose for the period he is a Member of the Committee, in addition to normal travelling and daily allowances in India and abroad.

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In view of this elucidation, this Ministry agrees to the proposal for the payment of a compensatory allowance at Rs.30/- per diem to Shri Suresh Chandra Bose for the period he is a Member of the Committee, as a special case.

4. The case has been seen by Secretary, R & E, who has mentioned it to M.R.C.E. and F.M. also. The E.A. Ministry's file on the subject, which was informally obtained from them, is returned herewith, as they have pressed for an urgent decision.

K. Ganapati  
5-4-56  
(K.S. Ganapati)  
Deputy Secretary

Ministry of External Affairs  
through Ministry of Finance, E.A. Div. (Shri Raj Kumar).

5-4-56

EA Ministry [Shri S.K. Ray] vs MR  
M/F 440 No. D. 3836 EAC 13 dt. 5-4-56

(4) Issue

Ministry of Finance No. 1603  
5/4/56  
Recd  
J. 1832  
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Disputed in the JS(5) issue sanction now  
and obtain as per far to sanction from  
Cabinet. Pl put up draft letter to the  
J.S. Cabinet Secy.

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Immediacy p.  
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Ref. nous en page.

A draft is put up pl, which may be shown to US (FG) and Min. & Fin. before issue.

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5/4/56. ~~US (FEA)~~ The main file has come. Pl. put up a draft sanction on this file.

R. L. Chavans  
5.4.56

A draft letter is placed below.

R. L. Chavans  
6.4.56

~~JS (E)~~

JS (E) has seen the main draft to the Cabinet and has asked that this draft should issue today as money has to be paid to the witnesses and particularly to Col. Habibullah Rahman of Pakistan today. Pl. issue the draft.

~~5) Issue to Cabinet~~ R. L. Chavans  
~~6) Issue sanction~~ 7.4.56

Please issue the letter sanctioning the payment of T.A and D.A. to witnesses. Col. Habibullah Rahman wants his T.A and D.A. today. Other witnesses are also anxious to have their money. JS (E) has already spoken to Shri Gille of the Cabinet Secretariat and the main sanction regarding the terms of the Committee is being issued separately today.

Please prepare the bill of Col. Habibullah Rahman and then take it to US (C) and DS (ADF). I have already spoken to DS (ADF) about this difficulty and he has kindly agreed to make arrangements for payment as soon as this sanction is issued.

R. L. Chavans  
7.12.56

SO. (FEA)

~~7) Issue~~

~~8) Issue~~



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Ministry of External Affairs  
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The Government of India have appointed a Committee to investigate into the circumstances leading to the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. At the instance of the Committee we have invited 5-6 witnesses to give evidence before the Committee and it is likely that some more witnesses might be invited by the Committee to give evidence before them.

2. These witnesses will have to be paid their expenses. We have already approached the Ministry of Finance separately for their concurrence to sanction Rs.3,000/- for this purpose. That sanction has not *been*, however, issued yet as some other item in the draft sanction which was shown to the Ministry of Finance is still under discussion with them. As the witnesses have already arrived and they are claiming their fare and other expenses, we may issue orders about the rates of their fare and daily allowance so that they may not be out of their pocket while they are in Delhi for the work of the Committee.

3. We have already intimated to the witnesses that they would be paid 1st class fare to and from Delhi. As regards the daily allowance it is pointed out that in the case of the members of the Committee we have proposed in the draft sanction relating to their terms of appointment that they should be paid the same daily allowance as is admissible to a Grade I officer. The maximum allowance admissible to such an officer is Rs.12/8/- per day. This amount may not, however, be enough for them to get a suitable accommodation even in a moderate hotel. But since we are not paying more than Rs.12/8/- to the members of the Committee it may be difficult to pay the witnesses more than this amount. If, however, they find it difficult to

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get hotel accommodation in that amount we may provide them <sup>with</sup> accommodation in the Hyderabad House without meals and pay them Rs.10/- as daily allowance. JS(P) will have, however, to be consulted as to whether it would be possible for him to spare accommodation in the Hyderabad House.

4. We might have to obtain the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance <sup>Ist class</sup> ~~also~~ to the payment of railway fare and to the rates of daily allowance as proposed above.

SOFA may kindly see.

*R.S. Chavan*

(R.S. Chavan)  
4.4.56.

#### SOFA

I discussed this with Shri Raj Kumar explaining that all the witnesses coming to appear before the committee were of status which justified the provision of Ist Class railway fare. He, therefore, agreed to this. With regard to daily allowance, he suggested that it would be simpler if we sanctioned Rs.12-3-0 proposed. I pointed out that this would not nearly cover the cost of their hotel accommodation and hardly seems to be fair enough. He appreciated this but pointed out that there were certain ceilings on the grant of daily allowance. I, therefore, agreed to accept these rates and Shri Raj Kumar agreed that if the witnesses raised any objection, asking for a higher rate, we can consider the matter again.

2. Please issue sanction immediately and make payment for witnesses already in Delhi.

*S.K. Roy*

(S.K. Roy)  
5-4-56.

Seen by JS (F). Pl. put up  
a draft sanction. US (F) and JS (ADF) will have  
perhaps to see it. But pl. consult F.S. Sec. first about this.

US (F) /

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Ministry of External Affairs

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SI No 5  
A draft memorandum to the Cabinet with a draft summary for the Cabinet is placed below.

SI No 6  
2. The draft sanction relating to the terms of daily allowance and travelling allowance payable to the members of the Committee and P.A. to the Chairman is put up.

SI No 7  
3. A draft sanction fixing the daily allowance and travelling allowance of the witnesses has been put up separately.

4. It has been ascertained from the Cabinet Secretariat informally that they would take atleast 10 days to obtain the Cabinet's approval to the revised proposals mentioned in the draft summary. Since the witnesses and members are requesting for payment of the daily allowance and travelling allowance, it is not possible for us to wait for such a long time. We may, therefore, issue sanction and the office memorandum to the Cabinet simultaneously. Before doing so it is submitted for JS(E)'s consideration if he would like to ring up the Cabinet Secretary in this connection.

*R.S. Chavan*  
(R.S. Chavan)  
6.4.56.

JS(E)

Recd. at 12-20  
and  
7/4  
J.S. (E) has approved and signed the draft. He is speaking to the Cabinet Secy. As money is required by ~~the~~ Col. Habibullah Rahman today as he is leaving for Pakistan please see that sanction is issued and money is obtained from Cash Sec. I have already spoken to JS(A&F). He said that he would pay the money as soon as sanction is issued.

(5) Issue  
(6) Issue  
(7) Issue  
(8) Issue

*R.S. Chavan*  
7.4.56



Ministry of External Affairs  
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After we issued sanction at S.No. 6 on the 7th April 1956, several difficulties have come to our notice and it is found that the sanction does not cover the following points:

1) Payment to witnesses: After the Committee started its work they invited several witnesses, examined them and the Chairman desired that they should be paid their TA and DA before they leave Delhi. A sum of Rs.3,000/- has been provided for payment to witnesses, but it has not been made clear in the sanction who should draw the amount and pay it to the witnesses. We have already put up another sanction saying that this amount should be drawn by this Ministry and placed at the disposal of the Chairman who should pay TA and DA to the witnesses from that amount. That file has ~~not yet been~~ just not been received back from the Ministry of Finance, and they have stated that such an advance could be drawn under CTR 670. This point may be there decided finally on that file.

2) Contingencies: We have made provision for a sum of Rs.1,500/- on account of contingencies in the sanction, but we have not said who should draw the amount and place it at the disposal of the Chairman of the Committee. The Committee has been working in the Ministry at present, but when they leave Delhi they will experience difficulties if the money is not drawn and placed at their disposal. The Ministry will have, therefore, to draw the amount and place at the disposal of the Committee.

3) Advances: We have provided in the sanction that the Members of the Committee may draw their pay, allowances and TA abroad, but we have not authorised our Missions <sup>expressly</sup> to make payment to them in foreign currencies. Similarly we have not asked our Missions to make them advances, if necessary. This will have to be done now.



The Members of the Committee have already requested that they should be paid an amount of Rs.2,000/- each and the P.A. an amount of Rs.1,000/- as an advance of TA and DA before they leave Delhi on their journey to several places abroad. For this purpose money will have to be drawn by the Ministry and placed at the disposal of the Chariman of the Committee. This point has already been included in the draft sanction which ~~was~~ <sup>they have not given their opinion on it although the file has been received by us.</sup> referred to the Ministry of Finance yesterday. On re-consideration, however, it is now felt that instead of giving them an advance of Rs.2,000/- each, it would be better if we give them an advance of Rs.1,000/- and advise them to take an advance in foreign currency from our Missions abroad whenever they require and at the same time authorise our Missions abroad to make them advances when necessary. If this is approved, it is suggested that the Members of the Committee may be paid an advance of Rs.1,000/- each and P.A. to the Chairman an amount of Rs.500/-.

4) Witnesses in foreign countries: We have sanctioned an amount of Rs.3,000/- for witnesses. It was not made clear in the sanction whether this amount would cover the TA and DA of witnesses in foreign countries. We have already spent about Rs.1,200/- on payment to 3 witnesses in India. There are several other witnesses to be examined in Delhi and Calcutta. This amount of Rs.3,000/- may not, therefore, even be enough for payment to the witnesses in India. We will have, therefore, to make an additional provision for payment to witnesses abroad. Shri S.N. Maitra, Member of the Committee, has already written about this to JS(E) and has suggested that the sum of Rs.3,000/- should be increased to Rs.6,000/-. Whatever may be the additional expenditure sanctioned on this account, we will have to authorise

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our Missions abroad to make payment to the witnesses in foreign currencies or we will have to advise them to advance necessary amounts in foreign currencies to the Committee for payment to witnesses. It will be necessary to fix the rate of TA and DA of foreign witnesses. In India we have been paying TA and DA to witnesses as admissible to Grade I officers. We may also pay on the same basis to foreign witnesses. In other words a foreign witness will be paid TA and DA in accordance with the scale fixed for Grade I officers of the Government of India.

5) Conveyance: We have provided for Rs.1,500/- for the contingencies in the sanction, but have not mentioned anything about the incidental expenses such as taxi hire, charges for carriage of official records from one place to another and similar other expenditure. As the Committee will have to incur expenditure on this account, it is necessary to make a provision for the same.

6) Incidental charges: In our letter at S.No.7 we have provided that the witnesses will be paid Ist Class railway fare to and from Delhi and DA at the rate of Rs.12/8/- per day. We had not <sup>however</sup> taken into consideration the incidental expenses they will have to incur. This point was brought to our notice by the witnesses who wanted their TA and DA yesterday. The Chairman strongly supported their claim. For instance a person coming from Calcutta or Madras to Delhi has to spend 2 nights in the train and incur some expenditure on meals and other things <sup>like taxi hire</sup>. We have not made any provision for that expenditure as the DA will be paid only for the days a witness will be in Delhi. It is, therefore, suggested that we should pay DA to witnesses for the days they spent in their journey to and from Delhi. That would



cover their incidental expenditure.

A draft sanction covering all the above points is placed below. If on the return of the file from the Ministry of Finance it is found that they have already authorised the Ministry to draw Rs.3,000/- on account of payment to witnesses, the draft sanction will be modified accordingly.

As the Committee will be leaving Delhi on the 18th April, they are requested to treat this case as most immediate.

*R.S. Chavan*

(R.S. Chavan)  
12.4.56.

US(FG)  
US(FEA)

*[Signature]*  
13/11/56

Ministry of Finance (Shri Mathal)

Ministry of External Affairs No. 30(26)53-7755 (Part) dt 14/4/56

Ministry of Finance.  
(E. A. Por.)

(Preceding notes & D. F. A.)

E. II (A) and Budget Divn. may kindly see for advice in continuation of our no. No. 3.4068-EAT/56 dt. 11.4.56.

*[Signature]*  
14.4.56.

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Estt. Dir (Shri. P.K. Ganapati)

M/F. No. D. 4183-EAT/56 dt. 14.4.56.

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This is being dealt with on another file received back from the Min of Finance. This item is being omitted from the draft.

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Ministry of Finance (E. II)

(Ref: Notes from p. 19 ante to file)

1308-E II(A)/56.

The E.A. Branch have left it to us to seek out the points of ~~reference~~ <sup>on</sup> which advice is required. So far as item (1) of the draft sanction is concerned, the attention of the Ministry of E.A. may be invited to the procedure prescribed in Appendix 7 to the C.T. Rules, Volume II. We may ~~also~~ have no objection to the grant of advances on account of E.A. & d.a. as proposed in item (2) of the draft. We are not concerned with other items in the draft.

It shd. however be made clear that the formalities will have to be kept up.

S. Prasad  
16/4/56

W. S. (E. II)

P. R. S. P. S.  
16/4

Budget Division (item 1, office contingencies)

E.A. Division

M/Finance 1308-E II(A)/56 dt. 16/4

Budget Division

~~We~~ <sup>we</sup> see. We have no particular comments to make. So far as the procedure of payment is concerned our views are recorded in the file dealing with the payment of advances to the witnesses apply to advances to members ~~also~~.  
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Ministry of External Affairs

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In our letter No. 30(26)-FEA/55 dated the 7th April, 1956, Rs.3,000/- have been sanctioned for payment to witnesses who would be invited to give evidence before the Committee appointed to investigate into the <sup>alleged</sup> death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose. As the witnesses have arrived and they will want money at any moment, the Cash Section may kindly draw Rs.3,000/- for payment to witnesses when necessary.

R.S. Chavan

(R.S. Chavan)

9.4.56.

Under Secretary (FEA)

US(C)  
Cash Sec.

Cash Section

The sum of Rs. 3,000/-/- cannot be drawn in advance as it is not covered <sup>by</sup> the sanction bearing No.F.30(26)-FEA/55 dated 7th April, 1956 <sup>as it stands</sup>.

Further it is not clearly mentioned that the amount will be drawn and paid by this Ministry.

The following sentence may, therefore, be added to the sanction to make it more specific and to enable this Section to draw the amount:-

"The sum of Rs. 3,000/-/- <sup>will</sup> ~~may~~ be drawn in advance by the Ministry of External Affairs and paid to the Committee."

10.4.56

U.S. (Chavan)

U.S. (F.E.A.)

10.4.56

The Chairman and the members of the Committee and the Chairman's P.A. require Rs 2000/- each as advance of their T.A. A draft letter permitting the drawing of a sum of Rs 3000/- by the Ministry of E.A. as

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desired at 'A' on page and permitting the payment of an advance of T.A. to the members of the Committee is placed below.

2. The witnesses have requested that they should be paid incidental charges in addition to the railway fare and D.A. of the type sanctioned by us.

Under S.R. 190 (a) such expenses can presumably be granted as Rs 12/8 as the D.A. is not quite adequate to meet the incidental expenses like tonga or taxi hire, and other expenses during their journey. The Chairman of the Committee desires that such expenses should be paid. as mentioned in S.R. 190(a)

The Ministry of Finance may kindly see for concurrence

R.S. Chavan 4068-EA/13  
11.4.56

Ministry of Finance (Mr. Mithal)  
D. 1758-EA/13 dt 11/4/56

Ministry of Finance.  
(E.A. Branch)

Reference para 1 of Shri R.S. Chavan's note dt. 11.4.56 on page 1-2/n of the main file placed below.

E.II(A) may kindly see and advise whether the payment of advance in the manner proposed by the E.A. Ministry will be in order.

As regards para. 2. Establishment Division

(E.IV) may kindly see for comments.

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EII(A) U/O.R  
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Seen in EII. The proposal to sanction the drawal in advance of the sum of Rs.3,000/- by the E.A.Ministry in fact amounts to drawal in advance from the treasury of the above sum and <sup>placing</sup> ~~planning~~ it at the disposal of the Committee for expenditure as and when the occasion arises. In this connection attention is invited to Rule 419 of Central Treasury Rules which prescribes the procedure to be observed by Commissions and Committees in this respect. Budget Division is concerned with the C.T.Rs. and they may be consulted. As regards the grant of advance <sup>and</sup> of T.A. to the non-official members of Committees and Commission appointed by the Govt. of India, they will be governed by office order No.3881-EII/54, dt.7.7.1954 (Copy placed below). E.A.<sup>Division</sup> ~~Ministry~~ may see, and if they are satisfied otherwise, they can sanction the advance of T.A. in accordance with the provision of the above office order.

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Budget Division  
Ministry of Finance D.No.1278-EII/56

Ministry of Finance  
(Budget Division)

T.A. and D.A. paid to non-official Members of Commissions and Committees are classifiable as "Allowances, Honoraria etc." and should be drawn on regular T.A. Bills. But T.A. and D.A. paid to non-official witnesses of such committee cannot appropriately be treated similarly and should be ~~drawn on regular T.A. Bills.~~ But T.A. and D.A. deemed as expenses of the Committee i.e. "Other Charges", Drawal of funds for meeting such expenditure of Committees is normally done by cheques in accordance with Central Treasury Rules 419 read with Appendix 7 ibid. The cheque are drawn by the Secretary of the Committee who is usually



declared as the Drawing Officer. In this particular case, it appears that the Drawing Officer of the Ministry of External Affairs will also function as the Drawing Officer for the expenses of the Committee and the procedure in Appendix 7 of the C.T.R. would not be suitable.

2. The amount of the advance required may therefore be drawn by the Drawing Officer of the Ministry of External Affairs under a special sanction as in the draft <sup>in the</sup> main file below in accordance with Treasury Rules 668. A slight modification in pencil has accordingly been indicated on the draft.

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11.4.56.

In our O.M. No.F.1(110)-B/50 dt.1.11.50, we had issued instructions to the effect that travelling and other allowances payable to non-official members of Committee, Commissions etc. should be classified under 'Allowances & Honoraria etc.' and not under 'other charges'. In actual practice, it however appears that such clarification is being adopted for the T.A. etc. of non-officials as such, and the practice has not been objected to by audit, or at least by the A.G.C.R.. Pending the issue of for the clarificatory orders which we propose to issue in consultation with the C&G., no distinction need therefore be made between the TA & DA of non-official members of Committees and other non-officials. This does not, it may be added violate any point of principle as the reasons leading to the issue of our O.M. dt.1.11.50, were mainly that the travelling allowance rules are applied in sanctioning and auditing such expenditure, which is of the nature of travelling allowance paid to Govt. servants and the <sup>same</sup> source reasons are applicable to the grant of



T.A. & D.A. to non-officials ~~informal~~ *general*.

So far as the particular case is concerned, I had a talk with Sri Chavan of the External Affairs Ministry who gave me to understand that the bills of the witnesses have already been received and scrutinised. If so, the required amount may be drawn from the treasury in the usual manner. On presentation of the bills and against a sanction authorising payment of T.A. & D.A. <sup>payable</sup> ~~payable~~ to non-officials, without specifying the sanctioned amount against each, the amount may be drawn as an advance under T.R.670 to be adjusted against regular bills later on. If the amount to be drawn represents the total of specified advances sanctioned against each witness the advance may be drawn in relaxation of T.R. 669 to which we have no objection in this case. To avoid objections and unnecessary correspondence with the A.G.C.R. the exact treasury Rule to be involved in the sanctioned may be settled in verbal consultations with him, if possible, since the payment is rather of an unusual nature.

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12-4-56.

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri R.S.Chavan)  
Ministry of Finance U.O.No.2855-BI/56 dt.12/4/56

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Ministry of External Affairs

It was not possible to contact the Treasury Officer, A.G.C.R.'s office as suggested at 'A' on prepage. But I think we can issue sanction under CTR 670.US(FG) may kindly see.

Sd:- R.S.Chavan,  
12.4.56.



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I consulted informally the A.G.C.R.'s Office  
(Mr. Mukerjee, Treasury Officer, Mr. Rajgopalan D.A.G.,  
and Miss Over, D.A.G.). They agree that the sanction  
can be issued under C.T.R. 670.

Please issue immediately the draft on the linked  
file placed below, and see that a copy is sent to the Cash Section  
today.

Sd:- R.S. Chavan,  
\*4.4.56.

(10) Issue

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ImmediateMinistry of External Affairs

I have discussed the question of all the points raised in the letter with Shri Raj Kumar, Ministry of Finance. He agreed that an additional Rs.3,000/- may be sanctioned for payment to witnesses abroad. He queried the terms on which we would pay. I explained that this would have to be sorted out locally and would be done in consultation with the local Governments concerned.

② ✓ Shri Raj Kumar accepted this. He also agreed to a sum of Rs.1,000 for entertainment in Japan. With regard to the method of travel he indicated that air passages could be supplied by ourselves within the powers of this Ministry. With regard to air-condition travel for Shri Suresh Chandra Bose he, after consulting Shri

③ ✓ Ganapati, indicated that air-condition travel for non-officials was strictly controlled by the Ministry. I reported this to J.S.(E) who spoke to Shri Narayanswamy who again repeated the need for the Minister's concurrence and suggested that a note be sent across through Shri Raj Kumar. He did not, however, anticipate any difficulty because of J.S.(E)'s explanation that the two official members of the Committee are normally <sup>entitled</sup> expected to travel by air-condition <sup>class</sup> and it would not be appropriate for the third member to travel by a different class, particularly when he happens to be the elder brother of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose. J.S.(E) desired that we should proceed on the basis of all three travelling by air-condition, but that a note should be sent through Shri Raj Kumar. I have sent the note direct.

2. With regard to air travel, Shri Raj Kumar indicated that this would be within the competence of this Ministry. I have discussed the matter with J.S.(AD) who agreed that the Delegation should travel First-class and the P.A. by Tourist Class. Please obtain necessary sanction from the Administration Division.

3. The question of the extension of the life of the Committee and the pay and allowances of the official member, Shri Maitra, and creation of a post for him etc., was discussed with Shri Raj Kumar who desired that it should be referred separately. Please put up a draft immediately to the Establishment Officer with the



object of obtaining confirmation that Shri Maitra would continue to draw his emoluments if he came to Delhi, the object being to prevent him from suffering as a result of undertaking these duties.

4. I have incorporated the above points in a letter to Mr. Maitra which may be issued.

(S.K. Roy)  
S.O.F.A.  
17-4-56.

(12) Issue

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A draft letter is placed below as desired by SOFA in para 3 of his note above.

R.S. Chavann  
18.4.56

SOFA has seen.  
JS(E)

~~(13) Issue~~

Placed in F. 30(26) - FEA/55

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Ministry of External Affairs

The question of Air-condition travel for Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, a non-official member of the Enquiry Committee, was discussed with Shri Raj Kumar. It was pointed out that the two official members were entitled to travel by air-condition and that, therefore we considered the non-official member should also be allowed this class. Shri Raj Kumar, after consultation with Shri Ganapati, explained that there were strict orders on this subject and, therefore, the Minister's approval would have to be obtained. This was reported to J.S.(E), Shri T.N.Kaul, who discussed the matter further with Shri Ganapati and Shri Narayanswamy. The latter appreciated the position because J.S. explained to him that it would be difficult to explain why the non-official member should travel by a different class to the official members who were entitled to the air-condition travel particularly when the person concerned happens to be the elder brother of the person who forms the subject of the Enquiry Committee. Shri Narayanswamy, however, felt that a reference would still have to be made to the Minister. He desired, therefore, that a note should be sent to him through Shri Raj Kumar.

Ministry of Finance (Shri Raj Kumar)

M: in Shy of E.A.U. No. 1886-FEA/56  
Dated 17/4

L.S. Chavran  
17.4.56

Issued.

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P. Bose no. 14.

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'A' in the note on p 31 ~~encl~~

The Ministry of Finance may see notes on pages 31-32

in the proposal

ante for favour of concurrence to the ~~additional~~ expenditure

for an additional annual ~~regd.~~ immediately  
of Rs.4000/- to be spent by the Committee on witnesses and

entertainments abroad. Draft sanction put up may also kindly

be seen. This may kindly be treated as most immediate as the Committee  
has already left Delhi and the sanction has to reach the missions abroad  
US (PSP) before they reach there.

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US (PSP)

L.S. Chavan

21.4.56

Ministry of Finance (E.A. Div)  
(Shri Soni)

E.A. Ministry u.o. No. F.16(7) FEA/56 dt. 23.4.56. M.F. (PSP)

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E. A. Ministry uo N.R.

M/F O.O. No. 4424. EA/56

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Ministry of External Affairs

(13) Issue

US (PSP) desired that a telegram to our Missions concerned,  
for payments to the Committee of sums sanctioned in Sl.No.14,  
be sent in-advance of the letter at Sl.No.13. Draft telegram

put up.

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24.4.56.

Pl. issue telegram and send a copy of the Secretary  
to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan by air and express delivery.

L.S. Chavan  
24.4.56

(14) Issue

(15) Issue [Permission to hire a local steno.]



Ref. Sl. 7. We have made no provision in the letter of sanction dated 7.4.56 for payment of incidental expenses to the witnesses which they incurred during the journey and claimed. We may now approach the Finance Ministry for favour of concurrence to this approval as per draft put <sup>up</sup> put please.

2. Ref. note at page 33 ante. We may send a reminder to Ministry of Finance as per fair u.o. put up for signature pl.

3. After issue Administration Division may see para 2 of Shri S.K. Roy's note on page 31 ante and kindly <sup>accord</sup> ~~accord~~ <sup>obtain</sup> sanction to the travel by air in first class by the three Members of the Committee and in Tourist Class by the P.A. to Chairman.

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It will be for the F-6  
Section to issue the sanction, if  
it is to be issued in the Adm. Div.  
at all.

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US (F.E.A.)



MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Sub: Committee to investigate the circumstances leading to the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - Members' travel in air-conditioned railway coach.

Reference Ministry of Finance (E.A. Division) U.O.

No. 5090-EAI/56 dated 8-5-1956. This matter was discussed in the Secretary-General's meeting this morning. Both Secretary-General and Foreign Secretary felt that, in any case, it would be unfair to expect Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, elder brother of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, to travel in a non-airconditioned compartment in view of his old age and weak health.

2. As for the Chairman of the Committee, Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, he is ~~the~~ Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and although in that capacity he is not entitled to air-conditioned travel, he should ~~also~~ be entitled to this in his capacity as Chairman of this very important Committee. The official Member, Shri S.N. Maitra, was Chief Commissioner, Andamans, before his nomination to this Committee. He is a senior member of the I.C.S. and it was on the strength of his seniority and the post last held by him that it was mentioned that he was entitled to air-conditioned travel. His pay and terms as Member of this Committee have been agreed to both by the Home Ministry and Finance Ministry on the basis that he would, in any case, have held the appointment of a Joint Secretary in the Government of India or Commissioner of a Division of a Part A State, in which capacity he would have been entitled to air-conditioned travel.

3. In view of the above, the argument that the Chairman and the Members of the Committee should be allowed to travel in air-conditioned compartment from Delhi to Calcutta is all the stronger. Secretary-General and Foreign Secretary desire that the case may be put up to Secretary, Ministry of Finance, if necessary.

(T.N. Kaul)  
Joint Secretary (E)  
9th May 1956.

Ministry of Finance, E.A. Division  
(Shri M.S. Bhatnagar)

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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Subject:- Committee to investigate into the correctness of the story about the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

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A reference is invited to this Ministry letter No. F.30(26)

CA No 7

-FEA/56 dated 7/9-4-56 in which the rates of T.A. and D.A. to be paid to the witnesses who were invited to give their evidence before the Inquiry Committee were fixed. Some of these witnesses are called from distant places like Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, but no provision was made by us to meet the expenses of the witnesses during their journey. By way of food, tea etc. the witnesses spent some money during the period of their journey, and they claimed to be paid for that. Surely this is a genuine claim and the Government also admit some incidental charges to their employees on tour. Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Chairman of the Committee also supports this view and desired that this should be favourably considered.

In view of this we consider that payment of some incidental charges to the witnesses is necessary. As regards the Government employees, the incidental charges are paid on mileage basis. So far as witnesses are concerned we propose to give them at the fixed rate of Rs. 12/8/- per day or a part thereof during their journey to Delhi and back, which has been allowed to them as their halage in Delhi.

Further, the witnesses also incurred some expenses on conveyance from their residence to Railway Station and from Railway Station to their residence in Delhi. In view of the status of witnesses we

propose to give the witnesses some taxifare @/8/- per mile for 4 miles at both ends.

The expenditure involved will be met out of the amount already sanctioned for meeting the T.A. and D.A. to the witnesses in this Ministry letter No. F.30(26)-FEA/55 dated 7-4-1956. Ministry of Finance may kindly see for favour of concurrence.

The Ministry of Finance,  
New Delhi

Ministry of External Affairs U/O No. F.16(7)-FEA/56.

Dated the 7 May 1956.

\*George\*  
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UNDER SECRETARY (FEA)



Ministry of Finance  
(E. A. Dim)

D-5193-EAI/56.

[Note on p. 1/r ante]

T. A. and D. A. of non-official witnesses giving evidence before official commissions are governed under S. R. 190 as amended by this Ministry's endorsement No. F.8(4) E. II/49, dated 19/11/1949. The attention of E. A. Ministry may be drawn thereto.

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20/6/56.

As the witness will be entitled to T. A. including the incidental charges as permissible under S.Rs, in question of giving D. A. for the period spent in journey does not arise.

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M/F no. 5193 EAI/56 dt 21/6

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(from above) Ministry of E. A.

(FEA Section)

A draft to A. G. C. R. is put up for approval.

The draft may be vetted to US (FG) before issue.

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US (FEA)

US (FG) may kindly see the draft, as regards its correctness or otherwise.

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(E.I. Section)

We are afraid, T.A. & D.A. is the subject of E.I. Section, who may be consulted. We are not posted with the latest orders on this subject.

Better still, the Ministry of Finance should see the draft sanction before issue which is the normal method.

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FEA Section

Ref. above.

E.I. sec. my pl. see the preceding notes on this D.A.

Recs. ready.

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Ref. above

The reference is, perhaps, to S.R. 180 and not

S.R. 191, as mentioned in Finance Ministry's note imp. 2 ante. Moreover, we do not have a copy of their Endorsement referred to ibid. The draft may, therefore, be shown to the Ministry of Finance, who may be requested to verify the S.R. & place a copy of the Endt.

PBA may please see.

FEA Section.

Reference notes from pre-page and D.F.A. Ministry of Finance may kindly see before issue with particular reference to A above.

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Ministry of Finance  
(E. A. Sim)

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The d.f.a., as amended in pencil,  
may be concurred in. A copy of this  
Ministry's endst. no. F-8(4)-EII/49, dt-  
19.11.1949 is also placed below as  
desired. The relevant S.R. is 190 and not  
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Ref. preceding notes and the d.f.a.

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Min. of Ex. Affairs.  
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The Nehaji Inquiry Committee has been appointed primarily for five week's time.

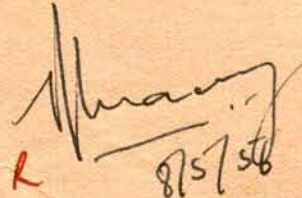
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In one of their<sup>x</sup> letters, the Committee stated that the five week's time was not sufficient and they might have to <sup>work</sup> up to end of June 1956 for completion of the investigation. They therefore desired that the life of the Committee should be extended to that extent.

The Committee is already in work and they must have, by now, gained by experience the exact time reqd. for their completion of work. In view of that we may send a telegram to Shri Naikha, Member of the Committee to let us know the exact time they need for the purpose, to enable us to work out the amount of expenditure involved. A draft telegram is put up pl.

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Please refer to the extract from a letter from Shri Maitra, Member, Netaji Enquiry Committee, and the two telegrams<sup>dated</sup> 8th May and 9th May, 1956, placed below at slips 'B', 'F' and 'H'. The Committee considers that they will be able to submit their report by 30th June, 1956 and request for its extension till that date. This involves additional expenditure.

Initially we assumed that the Committee would take about 5 weeks' time (viz. one week in India and 4 weeks abroad) to complete their work and estimated a total expenditure of Rs.31,500/- for that period. Consequent on the proposed extension of the Committee till 30th June, 1956, a sanction for the following expenditure will also be necessary:-

1) D.A. to three members of the Committee for additional 10 days abroad.	Rs.2,190/-	(@ Rs. 73 X 3 X 10)
2) D.A. to P.A. to the Chairman for additional 10 days abroad.	Rs. 550/-	(@ Rs. 55 X 10)
3) Extra D.A. @ Rs.20/- per day to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan for additional one month, viz. May, 1956.	Rs. 620/-	
4) Compensatory allowance to Shri Suresh Chandra Bose for two months, viz. May and June, 1956.	Rs.1,830/-	
5) Other unknown charges	Rs.1,310/-	
Ref. (1) and (2) above:	Total Rs.6,500/-	

Initially the D.A. for the Committee abroad was worked out for 4 weeks' time. Now we see that the Committee reached Bangkok on 27.4.56 and will be leaving Tokyo on 4.6.56. The D.A. will accrue approximately for additional 10 days.

Ref. (3) above:

Extra D.A. for Shri Shah Nawaz Khan was worked out for 5 weeks' basis. Now since the Committee will work upto end of June 1956 and the Parliament is in Session upto 31st May, 1956 extra D.A. has now been calculated for another month viz. May, 1956.

Ref. (4) above:

Consequent on the proposed extension of the Committee till end of June 1956, compensatory allowance for Shri Suresh Chandra Bose has been worked for additional two months, viz. May and June 1956.

The Ministry of Finance may kindly see above and accord concurrence for the proposed extension of the Committee and the additional expenditure involved.

A draft note for the Cabinet is put up for approval pl.

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J.S(E) may kindly see note on p 2 ante to Ministry of Finance in connection with extra finance to extend the life of the Netaji Enquiry Committee till end of June, also the draft of a note to the Cabinet, for approval.

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J.S(E.) D.M. & end the Ministry of Finance may kindly see the attached draft note to the Cabinet.

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The note for the Cabinet  
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**M.F.O. No. 5619. EA276**

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We were informed that the note for the Cabinet  
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accordingly requested J.S. (AD) - Shri Y. K.  
Puri to sign. He has seen the draft and  
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**S.No. (19) Issue**



In this connection please see S.Nos. 1-3 and notes from page 1-4 ante. We have already worked out certain items such as T.A. and D.A. etc., of the members of the Netaji Enquiry Committee on receipt of a telegram at S.No.2 and the sanction of the Ministry of Finance for the estimated extra expenditure have already been obtained, and a note sent to the Cabinet for approval. Any excess of expenditure, above the sanctioned grant, as one is mentioned in the F.R. would have been communicated by the Committee while giving the date limit of the submission of the report. Since the Embassy have also said that similar payments under this head may, as well, have to be made on behalf of the Committee, in future, we may, perhaps need not take any action on this till we receive full accounts of excess expenditure advanced by the Embassy to the Committee. We may therefore, write to our Embassy to let us know the total figures (with details) of any excess expenditure advanced to the Committee over and above of the sanctioned amount placed at the disposal of the Committee. A draft is put up for approval. After issue B & A Section may also kindly see.

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B + A Section may kindly see S.Nos. 4 & 5. They may also give their comments, if any.

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After the exact amount is known, steps must have been taken to sanction additional expenditure for the Committee.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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New Delhi, the 20th June, 1956.  
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Subject:- Extension of the period of deputation  
of the Committee appointed to  
investigate into the alleged death  
of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.  
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Reference attached note dated the 9th June,  
1956, from the Ministry of External Affairs on the  
above subject. The Cabinet has approved the proposal  
contained therein.

ASG  
20.6.56

(A.S. Gill)

Under Secretary to the Cabinet

To

The Ministry of External Affairs  
(Shri Y.K. Puri).

625-1589

DS(E)

SO.P.A.

US(EA)

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from above

In this connection please see notes  
from page 2-4 ante. The Cabinet has approved the proposal  
contained in our notes at S.No.3. A draft <sup>Sanction letter</sup> (to A.G.C.R. is  
put up for approval.

25/6/56 US(EA) x US(A) my kind see before time.  
and 26/6/56 US(EA)

US(F.G.)

U.S. (A.)

26/6/56

The portion in  
brackets does not



appear necessary.

T. D. Singh

28/6

~~42 (A)~~

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Figures of likely expenditure on this Committee were mentioned in our letter of 7.4.56. The amount of additional expenditure likely to be incurred on the extension of the life of the Committee will, therefore, have to be mentioned in the sanction. ~~But~~ I am, however, not quite clear about the following points :-

- (i) Why did we mention the total expenditure as Rs 27,500/- in our letter of the 17th April 56, when we had obtained Cabinet's approval for a total expenditure of Rs 31,500/-?
- (ii) Evidently the sum of Rs 31,500/- did not include the salary and allowances (including T.A. + D.A.) of Shri Maibia. Therefore, in calculating the extra cost, we need not include D.A. for three members.

P.N. Mathur

28.6.56.

US(FEA).

Please discuss.

S.O. (F.E.A.)

Spoken to US(FEA). Committee's life is to be extended beyond 30/6/56. Amount for exp. for the Committee.

M. Narayan  
29/6/56

1766/BMA 28/56

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✓  
3377  
D. ~~3373~~ - FEA/56.

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The Committee may kindly see this  
F.R. <sup>and offer this</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~reference~~ <sup>reference</sup> of comments, if any.

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EP MK  
Spain  
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Netaji Enquiry Committee (Ri Maitra)

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(S-N-MAITRA)  
16-7-56.

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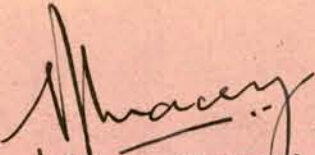
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.  
FEA SECTION.

Subject:- Committee to investigate the circumstances leading to the alleged death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

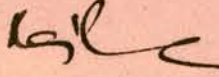
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The Ministry of Finance may kindly refer to this Ministry u.o. No. 1886-FEA/56 dated the 17th April, 1956, wherein approval of the Minister of Finance has been sought to the travel by Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, non-official Member of the Committee in an air-conditioned railway coach. It is requested that necessary approval, if since obtained, may kindly be expedited.

  
H.R.S. CHAVAN).  
Under Secretary.  
Tel: 31387.

Ministry of Finance (Shri Raj Kumar).  
Ministry of E.A. u.o.No. F.16(7)-FEA/56 dated 1/5.1956.

Please see the note below.

  
T.S. S

SAM-2545 [Shri S.N. Kaul Sec] 100 R



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Ministry of External Affairs.

The question of Air-conditioned travel for Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, a non-official member of the Enquiry Committee, was discussed with Shri Raj Kumar. It was X /pointed out that the two official members were entitled to travel by air-condition and that, therefore, we considered the non-official member should also be allowed this class. Shri Raj Kumar, after consultation with Shri Ganapati, explained that there were strict orders on this subject and, therefore, the Minister's approval would have to be obtained. This was reported to J.S.(E.), Shri T.N. Kaul, who discussed the matter further with Shri Ganapati and Shri Narayanswamy. The latter appreciated the position because J.S. explained to him that it would be difficult to explain why the non-official member should travel by a different class to the official members who were entitled to the air-conditioned travel particularly when the person concerned happens to be the elder brother of the person who forms the subject of the Enquiry Committee. Shri Narayanswamy, however, felt that a reference would still have to be made to the Minister. He desired, therefore, that a note be sent to him through Shri Raj Kumar.

Sd/- R.S. Chavan.  
17.4.56.

Ministry of Finance (Shri Raj Kumar )  
Ministry of E.A. U.O.No. 1886-F.E.A./56 dt. 17.4.56.

Ministry of Finance,  
E.A. Division.

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We regret to note that the statement contained in portion marked 'X' above was not correct in several respects. In the first place, the Chairman was wrongly described as an official Member, and secondly the only official Member was stated to be entitled to air-conditioned travel even before the question of his pay was finally settled. We would, therefore, advise the E.A. Ministry that Shri Suresh

... Chandra...



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From pre-page.

Chandra Bose should travel in the same class as Chairman,  
that is, first class.

M.R.C.E. has seen.

*Raj Kumar*  
( Raj Kumar )  
7.5.56.

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri T.N. Kaul, I.C.S.)  
M/Finance, E.A. Division, U.O.No. *2090-EA/76* *ck: 8.5.56*

*D-5090*

*5.2310-FRA/56*

*h. kg  
8/5*



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Sub: Committee to investigate the circumstances leading to the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - Members' travel in air-conditioned railway coach.


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Reference Ministry of Finance (E.A. Division) U.O.

No.5090-EAI/56 dated 8-5-1956. This matter was discussed in the Secretary-General's meeting this morning. Both Secretary-General and Foreign Secretary felt that, in any case, it would be unfair to expect Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, elder brother of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, to travel in a non-airconditioned compartment in view of his old age and weak health.

2. As for the Chairman of the Committee, Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, he is the Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and although in that capacity he is not entitled to air-conditioned travel, he should also be entitled to this in his capacity as Chairman of this very important Committee. The official Member, Shri S.N.Maitra, was Chief Commissioner, Andamans, before his nomination to this Committee. He is a senior member of the I.C.S. and it was on the strength of his seniority and the post last held by him that it was mentioned that he was entitled to air-conditioned travel. His pay and terms as Member of this Committee have been agreed to ~~both~~ by the Home Ministry and ~~the Ministry~~ on the basis that he would, in any case, have held the appointment of a Joint Secretary in the Government of India or Commissioner of a Division of a Part A State, in which capacity he would have been entitled to air-conditioned travel.

3. In view of the above, the argument that the Chairman and the Members of the Committee should be allowed to travel in air-conditioned compartment from Delhi to Calcutta is all the stronger. Secretary-General and Foreign Secretary desire that the case may be put up to Secretary, Ministry of Finance, if necessary.

  
(T.N. Kaul)  
Joint Secretary (E)  
9th May 1956.

Ministry of Finance, E.A.Division  
(Shri M.S. Bhatnagar) *on leave*

Ministry of External Affairs U.O.No. 2310-FEA/56 dt. 9-5-1956.

450-33(EAR)/56  
10.5.56

Recd  
13.3.56

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Will the EAM-istry please look into the file relating to Shri Mahtab's pay?

They may also please let us know the age of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose.

V. 2405-FA/56

12.5.56

EAM-istry [Shri M. Kaul] 100 R

P. L. Committee  
none

M of F u. o. No. 5256-FA/56 of 11/5/56.

11/14/5/56  
F.E.A.

Ministry of External Affairs.  
(FEA Section)

Reference Min. of Finance note above.

This Ministry file No. 30(26)-FEA/55 containing a draft sanction letter relating to creation of a post of O.S.D. for Shri Mahtab with a pay of Rs.3000/- per month has already been referred to Min. of Finance (Ex. Affairs Divn.) on 11-5-56.

The exact age of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose is not known. He is no doubt above sixty. He is older than Netaji whose date of birth is 23rd Jan. 1897.

19/5/56. US (FEA)

15/5/56

Ministry of Finance (Shri Raj Kumar)

Ministry of External Affairs u/o No. 2405-FA/56

dt 15/5/56

Ministry of Finance,  
E.A. Division.

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In view of what is stated in Shri Kaul's note dated the 9th May, 1956, we agree to the Chairman and Members

... of the ...



From pre-page.

Enquiry Committee travelling by air-conditioned coach as a special case.

M.R.C.E. has seen.

✓ J-2599-FA/56

*(Signature)*  
( Raj Kumar )  
23.5.56.

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri T.N. Kaul)

M/Finance, E.A. Divn., U.O.No..... 56 11 EAE/56 dt 23/5

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25/5/56

*(Signature)*

Ministry of External Affairs

Notes from h.l. note.

Draft sanction put up.

HVK  
20/5

*(Signature)*  
30.5.56.

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*(Signature)*  
22/5/56

24/5

*(Signature)*  
31/5/56

(22 A) Issue



-55- 3283-FEA/54

Netaji Enquiry Committee

Prior to my assumption of the office of the Chairman, Netaji Enquiry Committee, I was in receipt of a daily allowance of Rs. 20/- per day from the Transport Ministry when the Parliament was not in session. According to the sanction issued under Govt. of India Ministry of External Affairs No. F.30(26)-FEA/55 dated 7.4.56, I am to get a daily wallowance of Rs. 20/- per day for the period of Parliament session only. There is no mention about the drawal of daily allowance of Rs. 20/- per day which I used to draw from the Transport Ministry when the Parliament was not in session. I returned to Delhi on 11.6.56 and it is understood that the daily allowance from that date onwards will be paid by the Transport Ministry as I am attending to the work of that Ministry as well. It is reasonable to presume that the daily allowance of Rs. 20/- per day from 31.5.56 to 10.6.56 will be paid by the External Affairs Ministry as I was solely employed on the Committee., work during this period. I would like this point to be examined. Necessary sanction to enable me to draw daily allowance for the above period may be issued.

27.6.56

U.S. (FEA)

*Shah Nawaz Khan*  
(SHAH NAWAZ KHAN)  
Chairman, Netaji Enq. Committee.

Placed for file 16/7 F.E.A.  
H.M.  
30/6

P.T.O.



Subject:- Committee to enquire into the circumstances leading to the disappearance of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

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✓ SA NO (19) The Netaji Enquiry Committee expected to complete its work by the end of June 1956 but has now requested that this time schedule requires further extension by another month, i.e. upto 31-7-56. In order to enable us to obtain necessary financial sanction, the Committee is requested to kindly give us an approximate idea of the additional expenditure involved due to its extension till 31-7-56 and any other expenditure incurred in excess of the amount already sanctioned.

This may be treated as immediate.

Ans  
14/7/56

US (FEA)

*Phasing*  
14/7/56

Netaji Enquiry Committee (Shri Maitra)

The Committee was sanctioned certain sums for payment to witnesses, contingencies and entertainment (Total Rs 5293/-). Expenditure upto-date is Rs 4428/-. The balance in hand, Rs 1054/- will more than suffice for what little expenditure under these heads may be incurred during the month of July. No <sup>ful</sup> sanction for these items is necessary. As for payment to members, the position is as follows:-

- OP. 557A
1. No payment will be necessary for the Chairman except for his Daily allowance for 11 days, i.e. from 31st May to 10th June 1956 (Rs 220/-) which has been taken up with the EA Ministry vide his note dt. 30/6/56.
  2. As for my post of OSD with the rank and pay of Jt. Secy. it is seen from the notification No. 395-FEA/56, dt. 18-6-1956 that no terminal date is mentioned, but the AGCR had issued my Pay slip from 1st April to 30th June. So it is presumed that it would be necessary to obtain sanction for continuance of the post till the 31st of July. This may please be done.
  3. Shri S.C. Bose is paid the following per diem:-

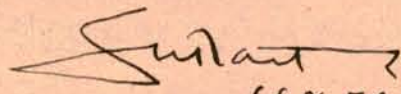
Rs 30/- as compensatory allowance.  
Rs 12/8/- as Daily allowance.

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sanction will be necessary for payment at this rate  
from the 1st of June to 31st of July 1956.

  
(J. N. PATRA)  
16-7-1956.

US (FEA).

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16/2/58



Ministry of External Affairs  
FEA Section

Please see notes from p.50/N onward. Consequent on the extension of the life of the Netaji Enquiry Committee the additional expenditure involved for this extension is as follows:

i)	Compensatory allowance to Shri S.C. Bose @ Rs.30/- a day for 31 days (of July)	Rs. 930/-/-
ii)	Daily allowance to Shri S.C. Bose for 31 days @ Rs.12/8/- per day.	Rs. 387/8/-
Total		Rs.1,317/8/-

Besides, as explained in the note at p.49/N ante, Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Chairman of the Committee is also to be paid @ Rs.20/- per day for the period 31/5 to 10/6/56, i.e. for 11 days. The total amount required for this purpose is Rs.220/-. On return from Tokyo Shri Bose came to Delhi on 16.6.56. He is to be paid D.A. @ Rs.12/8/- per day from that date. So D.A. for 16/6 to 30/6 works out to Rs.187/8/- and this amount need be added.

We may now issue financial sanction as per draft put up which Ministry of Finance may kindly see for favour of concurrence. The expenditure already approved (vide the notes at p.42-44/N., 46/N and S.No.19) has also been incorporated in this draft sanction. In order to bring the total expenditure to a round figure, the item of 'unknown charges' has been increased from Rs.1310/- (already approved) to Rs.1405/-.

Extra of this life of the Committee has been concurred in by this office vide their memo. 7702-EA/56 dt. 29/7/56.

Cd  
21/7/56

Ministry of Finance (E.A. Div), Shri Loni

Ministry of External Affairs u/o No. 16(7) FFA/56 dt. 24/7/56

M. F. (E.A. Div)

Seen - Thanks

Mr. P. A. (C. J. & Shriy)

M.F. U.O. No. 7755-EA/56

dt. 24.7.56

✓  
Pb. 412-44 ante  
13671-FFA/56  
24/7/56



from overleaf

M.S. (F.6) and M.S. (B.A.) may kindly see.

I have slightly amended para 2. Para 3 seems unnecessary.  
US (F)

*[Signature]*  
24/7/56

*[Signature]*  
24/7/56

No comments  
J.N. Mathur  
24.7.56

US (FEA)

1985/24/23/16.

The draft has been slightly amended.  
Min. of Fin. (E.A. Div) may kindly see again for  
favour of concurrence.

26/7/56 US (FEA)

Finance Min. may kindly *[Signature]* 25/7/56  
concur and return this file immediately

Min. of Finance (E.A. Div) Shri Soni (R)  
Min of EAO.D NO 16 (7) FEA/56 dt 25/7/56  
M. F. (E.A. Div)

See. Th. M.

23689 FEA/56

Min of P.A. (Secy - C. J. Stracey)

M/Fin. V.O. NO. 7822-6478 dt. 25.7.56  
Ministry of E.A.  
(23) Issue

This file was sent to  
Min. of Fin. (P.E.N. Div)  
linked up with another  
case. This is recd.  
back on 26/9/56.

*[Signature]*



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Ministry of External Affairs

✓  
D.4534-EEA/56.

(24)

We may confirm the presumption ~~to~~ Draft  
put up <sup>pl.</sup> may ~~be~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~IV + BAA Section~~ have seen.  
Finance Ministry's approval ~~reg~~ for expenditure on  
'Unknown Charges' appears at pp 42-44 + p 52 ante.

H.K.  
1.10.56

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US (EEA)

*Sharma*  
3/10/56

(25) Issue

Await till 29/12.56

H.K.

4.12.56

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(FEA Section).

(26)

Do we pay only one fare each way or 1½ fare each way? What D.A. is actually paid?

US (EA)

Sd/- T.N. Kaul.  
19.7.56.

Sd/- C.J. Stracey.  
20.7.56

FEA

One first class fare each side plus daily allowance @ Rs.12/8/- <sup>during the halt at Delhi</sup> per day. Besides we have sanctioned incidental expenses @ -/1/- per mile.

2. If we have to pay for the wife of the witness as requested, we have to get <sup>necessary</sup> financial sanction. Before we do that the Committee may kindly let us know the total amount involved.

CNA  
21/7/56

US (FEA)

*[Signature]*  
21/7/56

Metaji Enquiry Committee (Shri Maitra).

The same amount as paid to Shri Murti may also be paid to his wife, to wt. Rs 306/8/-

*[Signature]*  
(S.N. MAITRA)

6.8.56

US FEA

I have spoken re. this case to J.S. (E) let us approach Finance. (We shall have to get the 'break-up' of Rs 306/8/-)

*[Signature]*  
21/8/56

F.E.A.

F.30(a) FEA/55  
dt. 7/9.4.56. + slips  
16(9) FEA/56  
dt. 18.7.56  
E

The amount paid to Shri Murti was Rs 306/8/- account of his journey from Haddas.

It is decided  
N.K.  
T.K.



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From Prepage.

This is a request from the Chairman of the Netaji Enquiry Committee regarding payment of T.A. and D.A. to the wife of Shri Rama Nuthi, an important witness from Madras. In view of the circumstances explained and the amount involved (viz. Rs. 306-8-0) being small, he may agree to the proposed payment. Min. & Fin. (E.A. Div.) may kindly see for favour & concurrence.

Before the case is sent to Min. & Fin. Shri Shakti Narayan Khan may kindly see and give a break-up of the amount of Rs. 306-8-0 and also indicate whether this can be met from the amount already sanctioned for the witnesses, if approved by Min. & Fin.

Ans

16/8/56.

US (FEA)

*Shakti Narayan Khan*  
20/8/56

R/ Shri Shakti Narayan Khan (Room No. 27, Parliament House) <sup>63</sup>

Min. of F&A v.v. no. 5. 3630-FF-4156 dt 20/8/56

The break-up of Rs 306/8/- proposed to be paid to Mrs. Ramamurti is as under:-

First Class fare both sides from Madras to Delhi & back.	Rs 219-0-0
Halt at Delhi from 20-6-1956 to 26-6-1956 i.e. 7 days.....	Rs 87-8-0
	<hr/> Rs 306-8-0



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From prepage.

2. The sanctioned amount for payment to witnesses in India was Rs 3000/-. Out of this, the total amount spent under this head came to Rs 1,974-8-0. The accounts of the Committee have since been rendered to the A.G.C.R. Further necessary action may now, therefore, please be taken by the Ministry. A copy of the orders of Government sanctioning payment, when issued, may be endorsed to me for information.

344-8756  
27/8

Shah Nawaz Khan  
25-8-1956.

27/8/56

Ministry of E.A. (Shri Stracey).

Ref. notes from prepage.

Min. of Fin. (E.A. Div) my kind/ see now  
for favour & Concurrence

Go 27/8/56 US (FEAT)

This may kindly be agreed to as a  
Special case.

29/8/56

8922-FAI/56  
31/8

Min. of Finance (E. A. Div. Shri Soni)

Ministry of External Affairs u/o No... 23638-FA/56 dt 28/8/56

MINISTRY OF FINANCE.  
(External Affairs Division)

Reference: F.R. and notes from pages 2-3

This is really a very unfortunate case and  
Shri Shah Nawaz Khan and other members of the Committee  
should not have gone to the extent of telling Shri Ramamurthi

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(from prepage)

that he could bring his wife along with him to Delhi. Since Mrs. Ramamurthi was not required to give any evidence, her travel from Madras to Delhi and back cannot be legitimately treated as in public interest. Any how since the undertaking has already been given by the members of the Committee to Shri Ramamurthi as stated in Shri Shah Nawaz Khan's D.O. dated 18th July, 1956 to Shri T.N. Kaul and we had been presented with a fait accompli, we have no option but to agree, as a very special case, to allow Mrs. Ramamurthi single First Class rail fare from Madras to Delhi and back. She would not however be entitled to any daily allowance for the period of her stay at Delhi.

(K.P. SONI)

20-9-56

Asst. Financial Adviser.

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Stracey)

MIF 40109605 EAI/56 dt 20/9/56.

✓ 4002-FEA/56

Phase put up draft sanction

*Stracey*

Ref. preceding notes.

Draft sanction put up please. B+A and EIV

H.K. Raj

24.9.56 Section may kindly see the draft before issue.

FEA 449-45/113/56  
D. 449-45/113/56

24/9/56  
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E-IV  
B+A.

EIV

An alternate draft sanction is submitted for consideration. Before the papers are passed on to B+A as desired, US (P&F) may kindly see.

28/9/56

*Stracey*  
28/9/56

2638/B+A 28/9/56

The expenditure is debitable to 35- E.A- R- Misc- K.7- other expenses- India's delegation to the U.N. and other International Conferences."

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6/10 US (P&F) 10/10

P.N. Mathur  
FEA/340 6.10.56.

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Ref. Vols from page.

The alternate draft put up by EIU my  
now issue.

Ans  
10/10/56 US (F&A)

Endorsement to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan as D.M.  
has been cut out from the draft. Let it issue.  
Please put up a letter to him from Shri F.N.  
Kaul explaining the position of the agree-  
ment of Finance to D.A. to Mr.  
Rama Murthi.

*Sharma*  
10/10/56

Ref. above.

Sanction letter has been sent for issue. A draft do.  
to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan is put up pl.

Ans  
11/10/56 US (F&A)

*Sharma*  
11/10/56

J.S. (E)

Spoken to J.S. (E). The letter may issue over  
my signature.

*Sharma*  
17/10/56

(27) Issue

(28) Issue

Record B. Permanent.  
H.K.  
30-1-56 3/11/56





D. 11/3/1954

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(RAILWAY BOARD).

1, Canning Lane, (1)  
New Delhi,  
Dated the 15th Feb. '56

(1)  
With the compliments of  
Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, M.P.

— P. Y. C.  
Letter No. B54COI/1/3 dated 11-5-54,  
from the Ministry of Railways,  
regarding the D.A. at Rs 20/- per  
day sanctioned to Shri Shah Nawaz  
Khan, while working as Chairman  
of the Railway Accidents Enquiry  
Committee.

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To

Shri A.J. Kidwai,  
Deputy Secretary, Ministry of  
External Affairs,  
New Delhi.



(2)

Government of India  
Ministry of Railways  
(Railway Board)

No.E54C01/1/3.

New Delhi, dated

11-5-1954.

To

The Financial Adviser and  
Chief Accounts Officer,  
Northern Railway.

Sub: Appointment of a Committee to  
enquire into the causes of  
railway accidents.  
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With reference Railway Board's letter No.E54C01/1/3 dated 29.1.1954, the President is pleased to decide that the Chairman of the Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee will also be entitled to draw daily allowance at Rs.20/- per day one day prior to, and one day after, the meeting provided he arrives at the place of the meeting in the forenoon of the day preceding and leaves on the afternoon of the day following the meeting on production of a certificate that no daily allowance has been drawn by him for these days from any other government source. These orders take effect from 29.1.1954.

*K. Bahadur*

D. A. Nil.  
'GS' 11.5.

Assistant Director, Establishment,  
Railway Board.

No.E54C01/1/3.

New Delhi, dated

11-5-1954.

Copy forwarded for information to:-

- (1) The Divisional Accounts Officer, Northern Railway, New Delhi.
- (2) The Department of Parliamentary Affairs, New Delhi.
- (3) Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, M.P., No.19, Canning Lane, New Delhi.
- (4) The Secretary, Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee, New Delhi.
- (5) Cash, E.IV, Budget and General Branches of the Railway Board's Office.

*K. Bahadur*

D. A. Nil.

Assistant Director, Establishment,  
Railway Board.

No.E54C01/1/3.

New Delhi, dated

11-5-1954.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Auditor, Northern Railway.

*for*

D. A. Nil.

for Financial Commissioner, Railways.

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D. 1132/52/756

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(RAILWAY BOARD).

1, Canning Lane,  
New Delhi,  
Dated the 16th Feb. '56.

(2)

(3)

With the compliments of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for  
Railways and Transport.

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Ref. your talk with the Parl. Secy.

*P.4/c*

A copy of letter No. E54COI/1/3 dated 27-3-1954  
issued by the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) is  
enclosed herewith.

It is brought to notice that during the time when  
he was serving on the Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee,  
he was allowed to draw daily allowance, while on tour, at  
the same rates which were admissible to him if he had  
attended the session of the Parliament when it was meeting  
in Delhi.

*Rdyl*  
(R. Dyal)  
P.A. to Parl. Secy.  
16-2-1956.

Encl:1 To

Shri A.J. Kidwai,  
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
New Delhi.



Government of India  
Ministry of Railways(Railway Board)  
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No. E54C01/1/3

New Delhi, dated: 27-3-1954

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The Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer,  
Northern Railway,  
New Delhi.

Sub: RAILWAY ACCIDENTS ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

In partial modification of para 4 of the  
Railway Board's letter No. E54C01/1/3 dated the 29th January,  
1954, the President is pleased to decide that Shri Shah Nawaz  
Khan, Chairman of the Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee,  
will draw daily allowance at the rate of Rs.40/- per diem  
when he is on tour outside Delhi as Chairman of the Railway  
Accidents Enquiry Committee when the Parliament is in  
session. These orders take effect from 29.1.1954.

*P. S. Doraisamy*  
(P.S. DORAISAMY)  
ASSTT. DIRECTOR, ESTABLISHMENT,  
RAILWAY BOARD.

No. E54C01/1/3

New Delhi, dated: 27-3-1954

Copy forwarded for information to:-

1. The D.A.O., Northern Railway, New Delhi.
2. Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Chairman, Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee, New Delhi.
3. The Secretary, Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee, New Delhi.
4. The Parliament Secretariat, New Delhi.

*P. S. Doraisamy*  
(P.S. DORAISAMY)  
ASSTT. DIRECTOR, ESTABLISHMENT,  
RAILWAY BOARD.

No. E54C01/1/3

New Delhi, dated: 27-3-1954

Copy forwarded to the Chief Auditor, Northern Railway,  
New Delhi.

*P. S. Doraisamy*  
for Financial Commissioner, Railways

Copy forwarded to Cash and Budget Branches of the  
Board's office.

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D.O. No. 224/P.S.

D. 1278-78

D. 144/52-756

Chief Secretary  
West Bengal.

Calcutta,  
February 27, 1956.

My dear Dutt,

Please refer to your D.O. No. FS/215 dated February 22, 1956. The Chief Minister, to whom the matter was referred, has noted as follows :-

"I think he is very badly off. It would be better if we could pay him something."

I think a lump sum of Rs 2000/- paid as honorarium would suffice.

Yours sincerely,

*S. N. Ray*  
( S.N. Ray )

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Shri S. Dutt, ICS.  
Foreign Secretary to the Government of India,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
New Delhi.

*I mentioned this  
to US(BA). We have  
included it in the  
sanctioning Rg/3 D. 2/52*

*We should proceed  
on this basis.*  
*US(PEA) for information pl.  
1.3.52*



NEW DELHI.

No.343/D.M./56.

March 31, 1956.

My dear

As you are probably aware, we have constituted a committee to enquire into the circumstances of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose's death and that its Chairman is Shri Shah Nawaz Khan and its members Shri Suresh Chandra Bose and Shri S.N. Maitra. We have been examining the financial arrangements to be made for the committee and it is in this connection that I would like to draw your attention to a point which, I feel, requires special consideration.

2. The settling of terms for Shri Shah Nawaz Khan and Shri Maitra have presented no difficulty because they already hold official positions. But, in the case of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose this does not apply. He is an important member of the committee because he has certain special interests in the enquiry and we are not able to replace him. At the same time, he and the whole Bose family are, to my personal knowledge, in great financial difficulty. So, we have sought some means to allow for these difficulties during the course of Shri Suresh Bose's work with the committee. Dr. B.C. Roy, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, is also aware of this position and has recommended that some sort of honorarium should be paid to Shri Bose. The Chief Secretary, West Bengal has suggested Rs. 2,000/- and we agree that this would be a reasonable figure.

3. We put this suggestion to the associated Finance of the Ministry, incorporating it in our general sanction for the terms of the committee. They have, however, regretted that they see no justification to pay this amount. They also say that no such grant has been given to any non-official member of any delegation and that acceptance of the proposal may create an embarrassing precedent for the future, "since a good number of non-officials are being deputed to attend U.N. and other international conferences held abroad". Naturally, I appreciate this view-point, but would like to suggest that the nature of this committee is itself most unusual and that other similar committees are not likely to be constituted. I would also like to emphasise again that Shri Suresh Chandra Bose is not only in financially straightened circumstances but is also an essential member of the committee so that we cannot find someone more prosperous who could perform the task without any compensation. In the circumstance I would be most grateful if you could see your way to agree, as a special case, to the payment of an honorarium of Rs 2,000/- to Shri Bose for his work on the committee.

Yours sincerely,

(Anil K. Chanda)

o/c. (File)

Shri C.D. Deshmukh,  
Finance Minister,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi.

P.B. 17/1956  
(P. B. Deshmukh)

(Anil K. Chanda)



IMMEDIATE.

No.F.30(26)-FEA/55.  
Government of India.  
Ministry of External Affairs.

New Delhi, the 9 April, 1956.

M E M O R A N D U M.

Subject:- Deputation of Sarvashree Shah Nawaz Khan, Suresh Chandra Bose and R.K. Mitra to Japan, Indo-China (Saigon), Malaya and Thailand to make investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

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com pp 11-12 ✓  
The undersigned is directed to invite a reference to the Cabinet Secretariat Memo. No.10/CF/56, dated the 27th January 1956 conveying Cabinet's approval to the appointment of a three men Committee to investigate into the circumstances leading to the death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose and to an expenditure of Rs: 18,000/- therefor. Since then some changes have taken place and the expenditure estimated initially is now expected to increase by Rs: 9,500/- as detailed in the note placed below. Ministry of Finance have accorded their concurrence to the estimated increase in expenditure of Rs: 9,500/-.

The Committee has already started its work with effect from 29-3-56 and some of the witnesses have already arrived to give evidence. The members of the committee and the witnesses are pressing for money to meet their expenses here. In view of this difficulty and as it will take some time before the Cabinet's approval is obtained for these changes and increased expenditure, this Ministry are issuing  
/sanction regarding the terms of D.A. and T.A. in anticipation of the Cabinets' ex-post-facto approval.

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Requisite number (35) of copies of the summary  
to the Cabinet are forwarded herewith for  
necessary action.

  
( T.N. KAUL )  
JOINT SECRETARY (E).

The Cabinet Secretariat,  
NEW DELHI.

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Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs.

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Draft Summary to the Cabinet.

Subject:- Deputation to Japan, Indo-China (Saigon),  
Malaya (Singapore) and Thailand (Bangkok)  
of a Committee of three persons to make  
investigation into the circumstances  
leading to the death of Shri Subhash  
Chandra Bose.

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Approval of the Cabinet to the note placed  
below was conveyed in the Cabinet Secretariat Memorandum  
No. 10/CF/56 dated 27.1.1956 in connection with the  
appointment of the Committee to investigate into the  
circumstances leading to the death of Shri Subhash  
Chandra Bose.

2. Since then the following changes have taken  
place:

(a) The services of Shri R.K.Mitra, Home  
Secretary, West Bengal Government could not be made  
available for working on the Committee. In his place,  
the services of Shri S.N.Maitra, I.C.S., Chief  
Commissioner, Andamans have been received.

(b) It has been felt necessary that the  
Chairman of the Committee should be provided with a  
Personal Assistant. He will function as the Personal  
Assistant, Stenographer and Keeper of the Committee's  
records and papers.

(c) While working as Chairman of the Railway  
Accidents Enquiry Committee, Shri Shah Nawaz Khan was  
sanctioned a daily allowance of Rs. 20/- per day while he  
was in Delhi during the Parliament Session and Rs. 20/-  
per day extra if he went out of Delhi on tour during the  
Parliament Session for the work of the Railway Accidents  
Enquiry Committee. As he will now be working as Chairman  
of the Investigation Committee during the Parliament  
Session, it is proposed that Shri Shah Nawaz Khan may  
be given the same daily allowance as stated above, namely,

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Rs. 20/- per day during the Parliament Session when he is in Delhi and a sum of Rs. 20/- per day extra if he goes out of Delhi on tour in India during the Parliament Session.

(d) The Committee will have to examine a number of witnesses from India and Pakistan in connection with their investigation. Such witnesses should be given travelling allowances. An amount of Rs. 3,000/- has been estimated for the purpose.

(e) It has also been found necessary in consideration of the present financial position of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, the Non-official member of the Committee, that he should be given a compensatory allowance of Rs. 30/- per diem for the period he is a member of the Committee for meeting his commitments in India while he serves on this Committee, in addition to D.A. and T.A. admissible to Class I Officers.

3. The additional expenditure on these accounts is estimated to be as follows:

- (i) D.A. to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan  
@ Rs.20/- per day for five weeks.....Rs. 700/-
- (ii) Cost of Travelling allowances  
for witnesses.....Rs.3,000/-
- (iii) Compensatory allowance to Shri  
Suresh Chandra Bose.....Rs.1,050/-  
at Rs.30/- per day(for five weeks)
- (iv) Air passage for the P.A.  
(Tourist Class).....Rs.3,000/-
- (v) D.A. to the P.A.(Ad-hoc).....Rs.1,500/-

Rs.9,250/-

Say.....Rs.9,500/-

4. The Cabinet has already accorded their approval to the expenditure of Rs. 18,000/-. Their approval is now required for an additional estimated expenditure of Rs. 9,500/-. The total expenditure in that case will come to Rs. 27,500/-.

5. The Minister for External Affairs has approved the proposal. The Ministry of Finance have also concurred. Approval of the Cabinet is now solicited.



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Government of India,  
Ministry of External Affairs.

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Draft Summary <sup>by</sup> of the Cabinet.

**Subject:** Deputation to Japan, Indo-China (Saigon),  
Malaya (Singapore and Thailand (Bangkok))  
of a Committee of three persons to  
make investigation into the circumstances  
leading to the death of Sri Subhash  
Chandra Bose.

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The report that Sri Subhash Chandra Bose died as a result of an air crash near Taihoku (Formosa) on the 18th August, 1945 was not believed to be absolutely true by a section of the public. Sri S.A. Aiyer, formerly a Minister in the Azad Hind Government, visited Japan some time in May 1951 and verified the story of Sri Subhash Chandra Bose's death. He submitted a detailed report of his enquiry to the Prime Minister with photographs and some documents signed by some Japanese people.

In reply to a question in Parliament a resume of this report was placed on the Table of the House on the 5th March 1952. Government believe that this report of Sri S.A. Aiyer is a fairly convincing account and proof of Sri Bose's death.


However, a certain section of the people as well as a few Members of Parliament continue to express doubt about the truth of Sri Subhash Chandra Bose's death as well as of the genuineness of the ashes lying in the Renkoji temple in Tokyo. Questions on this subject continue to be asked in both Houses of the Parliament. Government, therefore, propose to appoint a Committee of three persons who will visit Tokyo and other places

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relevant to the investigation and institute an <sup>alleged</sup> enquiry into the circumstances of the death. The Committee will consist of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways, Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, brother of the late Shri Subhash Chandra Bose, and Shri R.K. Mitra, Home Secretary, West Bengal Government. Shri Suresh Chandra Bose has agreed to serve on the Committee and the Chief Minister of West Bengal has agreed to lend the services of Shri R.K. Mitra. It is estimated that the Committee will require about 5 weeks to complete the enquiry. The expenditure is expected to be about Rs.18,000/-.

The Minister for External Affairs has approved the proposal. The Ministries of Finance and Home Affairs have also concurred. Approval of the Cabinet is now solicited.

  
(T.N. Kaul)  
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

Encl: nil.

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IMMEDIATE

No. F. 30(26)-FPA/55  
Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs

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New Delhi, the 7th April, 1956.

To

The Accountant General,  
Central Revenues,  
New Delhi (with 3 spare copies)

Subject:- Committee to investigate into the correctness  
of the story about the death of Shri Subhash  
Chandra Bose.

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Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India  
have decided to send a Committee to Japan via Saigon,  
Bangkok, to enquire into the circumstances of the death  
of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

alleged

2. The Committee will consist of:

1. Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Parliamentary Secretary  
to the Minister for Railways, as Chairman of the  
Committee.

Members

2. Shri Suresh Chandra Bose (non-official) brother  
of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose, and
3. Shri S. N. Maitra, I.C.S.

One P.A. to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan will accompany  
the Committee to work as a stenographer and to look after  
the records.

3. The Committee will spend about a week's time in  
Delhi and will later go to the above mentioned places  
for the purpose of their enquiry. The Committee is  
estimated to require a period of about five weeks to  
complete the enquiry.

4. The President is pleased to sanction the following  
terms to the members of the Committee and to the P.A.  
for the period of their deputation:

(a) Pay and allowances: Official members of the  
Committee and the P.A. will continue to draw their pay  
and allowances as admissible to them in India during  
the period of their deputation.

(b) Passages: Free Air Passage from Calcutta to Delhi,  
by the class to which Shri S. N. Maitra is entitled to,  
is admissible to both Shri Suresh Chandra Bose and Shri  
S. N. Maitra.

(c) Free air passage from Delhi to Tokyo via Bangkok,

/Saigon,



Saigon, Singapore and back for all the three members of the Committee and the P.A. Free first class rail and sea passages, where necessary, will also be given to the members of the Committee. The P.A. will get fare for the class to which he is entitled.

(d) Luggage : Members of the delegation will be allowed to carry the luggage upto the limit of free allowance allowed by the Air Companies.

(e) Daily allowance: Shri Shah Nawaz Khan will draw daily allowance at the rate of Rs. 20/-/- per day when he is in Delhi and the Parliament is in Session. He will draw Rs. 20/-/- extra per day if he is out of Delhi on tour in India during the Parliament Session, otherwise he will draw maximum daily allowance admissible to Grade I officer. Shri Suresh Chandra Bose will draw maximum daily allowance admissible to Grade I officer of the Central Government, while Shri S. N. Maitra will draw daily allowance as per rules of the West Bengal Government during their halt at Delhi. For other stations daily allowance will be admissible to the members and the P.A. at the rates given in External Affairs Ministry's Memoranda Nos:

1. F.2(7)-EII/55, dated 2.6.55.
2. F.2(6)-EII/55, dated 25.11.55.
3. F.2(9)-EII/55, dated 14.3.55 and 20.12.55 and
4. F.2(65)-EII/55, dated 28.5.55 and 28.12.55

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan will, however, get Rs. 20/- extra in addition to the D.A. mentioned in the letters cited above when he is out of India during the Parliament Session.

Contingencies: An expenditure not exceeding a sum of Rs. 1500/-/- may be incurred on contingencies including air freight of official records of the delegation.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan will maintain the accounts and render them to the A.G.C.R., New Delhi on completion of the tour, with a copy to this Ministry.

Payment of salaries, allowances and other expenses:

Sarvashri Shah Nawaz Khan and S. N. Maitra and the P.A. may draw their pay in respect of the period of their deputation either in India or in one of the countries visited on duty, or partly in India and partly abroad as may suit their convenience and needs. In addition to his daily allowance and travelling allowance Shri Suresh Chandra Bose will be given a compensatory allowance at the rate of Rs. 30/- per diem for the period he is a member of the Committee. He may draw this amount partly in India and partly abroad. Necessary intimation regarding the amounts that will be drawn abroad and in India will be issued by them to you at the time of their departure from India. The amounts payable in India will be drawn on monthly bills and credited to their bank accounts in the usual manner. As regards the amount to be drawn abroad they will be entitled to draw the same either in local currency or in Sterling.

/Deputation

adv. and  
draw and pay  
to Shri S.N.K.



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Deputation will commence from the dates of departure of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose and Shri Maitra from Calcutta and Andamans respectively to Delhi and will terminate on the date of the return of all the members to their respective headquarters. In the case of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan and his P.A. their deputation will commence from the date of the starting of work of the Committee and will terminate along with the termination of the deputation of other members i.e. when the Committee stops functioning. The actual dates will be communicated in due course.

The witnesses that might be called by the Committee to give evidence will have to be given D.A. and T.A. according to the rates as fixed by Government. An amount of Rs.3000/-/- is also sanctioned for this purpose.

The expenditure on pay and allowances of the officials (including T.A. and D.A.) will be met from the existing sources and all other expenditure will be debitable to Head "35-External Affairs - K-Miscellaneous - K-8- Other expenses - India's delegation to the U.N. and other International Conferences."

as prescribed in  
the min. letter

Concurrence of the Ministry of Finance has been obtained to the expenditure and to the release of foreign exchange involved and to this sanction constituting authority for incurring expenditure and making payments. [Total expenditure involved will be Rs.27500/-/- (Rupees Twenty Seven thousand and five hundred)]

A copy of this sanction is also being sent to you through the Ministry of Finance.

Yours faithfully,

*R. S. Chavan*  
(R. S. Chavan)  
Under Secretary (FEA)

Copy to the Ministry of Finance (with 8 spare copies) for communication to audit. Sanction has been given with the concurrence of that Ministry vide their U.O.No.D.3834-EAI/56, dated 5.4.56.

Copy also forwarded to :-

- 1) Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Railways, New Delhi.
- 2) Shri S. N. Maitra, ICS.



- 3) Shri Suresh Chandra Bose.
- 4) Embassy of India in Japan, Tokyo  
(3 spare copies).
- 5) Embassy of India, Bangkok(3 spare copies).
- 6) Representative to the Government of India,  
Singapore(3 copies spare).
- 7) Consulate General of India, Saigon  
(3 spare copies).
- 8) Ministry of Finance(Eco. Affairs Division).
- 9) E. II, E. I, FSP, Cash(3 copies), B&A/Transport,  
F.G.(2 copies), FSI(3 copies), 25 spare copies  
for this Section.
- 10) Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 11) P. A. to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.

By order, etc.,

*R. S. Chavan*

(R. S. Chavan)  
Under Secretary(FEA)

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No. 30(26)-FEA/55 (72)  
Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs  
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Dated New Delhi the 7th April, 1956.

To

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The Accountant General,  
Central Revenues, New Delhi.

Subject: Committee to investigate the circumstances  
leading to the death of Shri Subhash Chandra  
Bose - financial sanction of *payment to witnesses -*  
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I am directed to invite a reference to this  
Ministry letter No. 30(26)-FEA/55 dated the 7th April,  
1956, in which an expenditure of Rs.3,000/- has been  
sanctioned to meet the travelling and daily allowances  
of the witnesses invited to give evidence before the  
Committee. It has now been decided in consultation  
with the Ministry of Finance that in view of the status  
of the witnesses invited, they will be paid first class  
Railway fares to and from Delhi and daily allowance at  
a rate of Rs.12/8/- per day.

Yours faithfully,

(R.S. Chavan)  
Under Secretary(FEA)

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Copy to the Ministry of Finance with  
reference to their U.O. No. 3834-EAI/56 dt. 5-4-56  
and discussion between this Ministry (Shri S.K. Roy)  
and the Ministry of Finance (Shri Raj Kumar) on the  
8th April, 1956.

*Cash Sec*

*R.S. Chavan*  
(R.S. Chavan)  
Under Secretary(FEA)

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No. 30(26)-FEA/56.  
Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs

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Dated New Delhi the 7th April '56.

To

✓ The Accountant General,  
Central Revenues, New Delhi.

Sir,

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In continuation of this Ministry's letter No. 30(26)-FEA/55, dated the 7th April, 1956, regarding the payment of travelling allowance and daily allowance to witnesses who have been invited to give evidence before the Committee appointed to investigate into the circumstances leading to the reported death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President for the grant of an advance of Rs.707/- to the Committee for payment to Col. Habibur Rehman of the Government of Pakistan who has come to Delhi to give evidence before the Committee on the request of the Government of India and who is leaving for Pakistan on the 9th April, 1956.

Yours faithfully,

*R.S. Chavan*  
(R.S. Chavan)  
Under Secretary (FEA).

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✓ Copy to Cash Branch.

✓ Copy to the Treasury Officer.

(R.S. Chavan)  
Under Secretary (FEA).

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No. F. 30(26)-FEA/55  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

NEW DELHI, the 14th April, 1956

To

The Accountant General,  
Central Revenues,  
NEW DELHI.

Sub: Committee to investigate into  
the correctness of the story  
about the death of Shri Subhas  
Chandra Bose.

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Sir,

✓ 4/16/ I am directed to invite your attention  
to this Ministry's letter No. F. 30(26)-FEA/55,  
dated the 7th April, 1956, conveying sanction to  
an expenditure of Rs. 3,000/- on account of the  
Daily Allowance and Travelling Allowance for  
the witnesses who might be called upon to give  
evidence, <sup>before</sup> the Committee and to convey the sanction  
of the President under Central Treasury Rule 670  
to the drawal in advance of the sum of Rs. 3,000/-  
by the Ministry of External Affairs for payment  
as and when necessary to <sup>Shri</sup> Shah Nawaz Khan, the  
Chairman of the Committee.

2. A copy of this sanction is also being  
sent to you through the Ministry of Finance.

Yours faithfully,

*R.S. Chavan*  
( R.S. CHAVAN )  
UNDER SECRETARY (FEA)

Copy to the Ministry of Finance ( with  
8 spare copies) for communication to Audit. Sanction  
has been given with the concurrence of that Ministry  
vide their u.o. No. 2855-BI/56 dated the 12th  
April, 1956.



Copy also forwarded to:-

1. Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Railways, New Delhi, Chairman of the Committee.
2. Ministry of Finance (Eco. Affairs Division).
3. Cash (2 copies), B&A/FG (1 copy).

By order etc.,

*R.S. Chavan*  
( R.S. CHAVAN )  
UNDER SECRETARY (FEA)

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MOST IMMEDIATE

No. F.30(26)FEA/55.  
Government of India.  
Ministry of External Affairs.

New Delhi 3, 17th April 56.

From:

The Under Secretary to the  
Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs.

To

The Accountant General,  
Central Revenues, New Delhi.

Subject:- Committee to investigate into the correctness of the  
story about the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

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Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 7.4.56, sanctioning the terms of appointment of the Members of the Committee and P.A. to the Chairman of the Committee appointed to investigate into the circumstances of alleged death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose, I am directed to say that the President is pleased to accord sanction to the following:

1) Contingencies: The sum of Rs.1,500/- sanctioned on account of contingencies may be drawn by the Ministry of External Affairs in advance and placed at the disposal of the Chairman of the Committee.

2) Advances: Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Chairman of the Committee and Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, Member of the Committee are sanctioned Rs.1,000/- each as an advance on account of their DA against their entitlement of TA and DA to be adjusted subsequently. Shri S.N.Maitra, the official member of the Committee and the P.A. to the Chairman are sanctioned a TA advance of Rs. 1,000/- and Rs.500/- respectively. In addition to the advances mentioned in para 2 and 3 above, the Ministry of External Affairs may draw an advance of Rs.3,500/- for payment to the Members of the Committee and the P.A. to the Chairman as stated above. (1)

3) The Indian Missions at Tokyo, Bangkok and Saigon are authorised to make advances in terms of this sanction to the Chairman, Members of the Committee and to the P.A. to the Chairman on account of their TA and DA and render accounts to the A.G.C.R. with a copy to this Ministry. They are also authorised to incur expenditure on account of postage, stationery and other clerical or stenographic assistance required by the Committee. Sanction is also accorded for engaging an interpreter at local rates of pay, at Tokyo.

4) Witnesses in foreign countries: The Committee is authorised to call witnesses in foreign countries and to incur expenditure on their TA and DA. Non-official witnesses will be paid TA and DA as admissible to Grade I officers of the Government of India as proscribed in the External Affairs Ministry's Memoranda mentioned in para 2(c) of their letter No.30(26)-FEA/55 dated 7.4.56 referred to above. The Indian Missions are authorised to make necessary payments and render accounts to the A.G.C.R.

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The concurrence of the Ministry of Finance has been obtained to this sanction. The expenditure is debitable to the head already mentioned in the letter referred to above.

A copy of this is also being sent to you through the Ministry of Finance.

Yours faithfully,

*R.S. Chavan*

(R.S. CHAVAN)

Under Secretary to the  
Government of India.

Copy to the Ministry of Finance (with 8 spare copies) for communication to audit. Sanction has been given with the concurrence of that Ministry vide their u.o. No. 4263EAI/56 dated 16.4.56.

Copy also forwarded to:

- (1) Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Railways, New Delhi.
- (2) Shri S.N. Maitra, TCS.
- (3) Shri Suresh Chandra Bose.
- (4) Embassy of India in Japan, Tokyo (3 spare copies)
- (5) Embassy of India, Bangkok (3 spare copies)
- (6) Representative to the Government of India, Singapore (3 spare copies)
- (7) Consulate General of India, Saigon (3 spare copies).
- (8) Ministry of Finance (Eco. Affairs Division).
- (9) E.II, E.I, FSP, Cash (3 copies), B&A/Transport, F.G. (2 copies), FSI (3 copies), 25 spare copies for this section.
- (10) Ministry of Home Affairs.
- (11) P.A. to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.
- (12) Ministry of Transport together with a copy of this Ministry's letter No. 30(26)-FEA/55 dated 7.4.56.

By order etc.,

*R.S. Chavan*

(R.S. CHAVAN)

Under Secretary





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NETAJI ENQUIRY COMMITTEE  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

New Delhi,

Dated the 11th April 1956.

My dear Kaul,

I have talked to Chavan, U.S., about the financial orders concerning Netaji Enquiry Committee, a copy of which is sent herewith. Several points appear to need modification.

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Para 3: After having worked for a week, it is now clear that the Committee's work will take considerably longer time than originally anticipated. After discussion with the Chairman, I put the final date for submission of the report at 30th June. The life of the Committee would require to be extended till then.

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Para 4 (a): About myself, it has been said that I shall draw the pay admissible in India. Chavan told me that the impression was that I am now working in a post under the Government of West Bengal. That is incorrect. My services were lent to the Government of India in the Home Ministry for three years ending on the 19th July 1956. The Home Ministry have told me that my services would be replaced with the Govt. of West Bengal after my present work with the Netaji Enquiry Committee. At present, I hold no post under Government of West Bengal. As it would be necessary to show me against some post I presume it would be necessary to create a post of an Officer on Special Duty under the Government of India and show me against it for the duration of the Committee's work. I was assured that I would receive the same <sup>emoluments</sup> ~~pay~~ that I was drawing in the Andamans which was :-

Rs 3000/- per month plus Rs 300/- per month as sumptuary allowance.

Para 4 (b): In case of my posting as O.S.D., I take it that Delhi would be my headquarters. In that case, I would be entitled to transfer T.A. to Delhi.

Para 4 (c): For travelling to the Far East, it is



presumed that our P.A. would be entitled to air passage by Tourist Class and members would be entitled to First-Class. This may please be clarified. The Committee will proceed to Calcutta, some by rail. Both the Chairman and myself are normally entitled to travel in air-conditioned class. It is presumed that this will continue and Shri Suresh Chandra Bose would also be allowed ~~by~~ to travel by the same class. The order does not mention anything about incidental expenses for travel by air, rail or sea in India or abroad. This may kindly be looked into.

Payment of salaries and allowances: It has been said on page 3 of the order that deputation will commence from the dates of departure of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose and myself from Calcutta and Andamans respectively and terminate on the date of our return to Headquarters. The 30th May may now be taken as the date of termination, but as to beginning, as I said before that in my case, there is no deputation from any existing post and I may be deemed to have joined my duties from the date I reported here, i.e. from the 3rd of April. As ordered, I have handed over charge as Chief Commissioner, Andamans, on the 26th of March.

Payment to witnesses: Rs 3000/- has been sanctioned for payment to witnesses. It is desirable to draw this sum in advance so that there may be no delay in payment to witnesses. I believe this is being done. The present provision covers the expenses of witnesses in India. I am not sure whether witnesses in foreign countries e.g. Thailand, Indo-China and Japan, would not claim their expenses if called by the Committee. Perhaps it would be desirable to refer them to their Government. This is rather a delicate point which deserves careful consideration. If it is decided that it would be desirable for us to make payment, I think a





substantial provision for witnesses expenses abroad may be necessary ~~As~~ expenses abroad are much higher than in India, I would suggest this sum to be Rs 6000/-.

From discussions with our Ambassador in Tokyo, it seems likely that the Committee although they would avoid publicity, would be entertained in Japan. This will probably happen in other countries also. I have discussed this with the Chairman, Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, and feel that a small sum of Rs 1000/- may be allowed to the Committee to return such hospitality on a modest scale.

As the Committee proposes to leave for Calcutta about the 18th - some days for hearing in Calcutta have been fixed provisionally from 20th to 25th April - may I request that early orders in these matters may please be passed.

Yours sincerely,

  
(S.N. MAITRA) "4

Shri T.N. Kaul,  
Joint Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
New Delhi.



IMMEDIATE

No. F.30(26)-FEA/55  
Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs

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New Delhi, the 7th April, 1956.

To

The Accountant General,  
Central Revenue,  
New Delhi (with 3 spare copies)

Subject:- Committee to investigate into the correctness  
of the story about the death of Shri Subhash  
Chandra Bose.

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Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India  
have decided to send a Committee to Japan via Saigon,  
Bangkok, to enquire into the circumstances of the death  
of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. The Committee will consist of:

1. Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Parliamentary Secretary  
to the Minister for Railways, as Chairman of the  
Committee.

Members

2. Shri Suresh Chandra Bose (non-official) brother  
of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose, and
3. Shri S. N. Maitra, I.C.S.

One P. A. to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan will accompany  
the Committee to work as a stenographer and to look after  
the records.

3. The Committee will spend about a week's time in  
Delhi and will later go to the above mentioned places  
for the purpose of their enquiry. The Committee is  
estimated to require a period of about five weeks to  
complete the enquiry.

4. The President is pleased to sanction the following  
terms to the members of the Committee and to the P. A.  
for the period of their deputation:

(a) Pay and allowances: Official members of the  
Committee and the P. A. will continue to draw their pay  
and allowances as admissible to them in India during  
the period of their deputation.

(b) Passages: Free Air Passage from Calcutta to Delhi,  
by the class to which Shri S. N. Maitra is entitled to,  
is admissible to both Shri Suresh Chandra Bose and Shri  
S. N. Maitra.

(c) Free air passage from Delhi to Tokyo via Bangkok,

/Saigon,



Saigon, Singapore and back for all the three members of the Committee and the P.A. Free first class rail and sea passages, where necessary, will also be given to the members of the Committee. The P.A. will get fare for the class to which he is entitled.

(d) Luggage : Members of the delegation will be allowed to carry the luggage upto the limit of free allowance allowed by the Air Companies.

(e) Daily allowance: Shri Shah Nawaz Khan will draw daily allowance at the rate of Rs. 20/-/- per day when he is in Delhi and the Parliament is in Session. He will draw Rs. 20/-/- extra per day if he is out of Delhi on tour in India during the Parliament Session, otherwise he will draw maximum daily allowance admissible to Grade I officer. Shri Suresh Chandra Bose will draw maximum daily allowance admissible to Grade I officer of the Central Government, while Shri S. N. Maitra will draw daily allowance as per rules of the West Bengal Government during their halt at Delhi. For other stations daily allowance will be admissible to the members and the P.A. at the rates given in External Affairs Ministry's Memoranda Nos:

1. F.2(7)-EII/55, dated 2.6.55.
2. F.2(6)-EII/55, dated 25.11.55.
3. F.2(9)-EII/55, dated 14.3.55 and 20.12.55 and
4. F.2(65)-EII/55, dated 28.5.55 and 28.12.55

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan will, however, get Rs. 20/- extra in addition to the D.A. mentioned in the letters cited above when he is out of India during the Parliament Session.

Contingencies: An expenditure not exceeding a sum of Rs. 1500/-/- may be incurred on contingencies including air freight of official records of the delegation.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan will maintain the accounts and render them to the A.G.C.R., New Delhi on completion of the tour, with a copy to this Ministry.

Payment of salaries, allowances and other expenses:

Sarvashri Shah Nawaz Khan and S. N. Maitra and the P.A. may draw their pay in respect of the period of their deputation either in India or in one of the countries visited on duty, or partly in India and partly abroad as may suit their convenience and needs. In addition to his daily allowance and travelling allowance Shri Suresh Chandra Bose will be given a compensatory allowance at the rate of Rs. 30/- per diem for the period he is a member of the Committee. He may draw this amount partly in India and partly abroad. Necessary intimation regarding the amounts that will be drawn abroad and in India will be issued by them to you at the time of their departure from India. The amounts payable in India will be drawn on monthly bills and credited to their bank accounts in the usual manner. As regards the amount to be drawn abroad they will be entitled to draw the same either in local currency or in Sterling.

/Deputation



Deputation will commence from the dates of departure of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose and Shri Maitra from Calcutta and Andamans respectively to Delhi and will terminate on the date of the return of all the members to their respective headquarters. In the case of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan and his P.A. their deputation will commence from the date of the starting of work of the Committee and will terminate along with the termination of the deputation of other members i.e. when the Committee stops functioning. The actual dates will be communicated in due course.

The witnesses that might be called by the Committee to give evidence will have to be given D.A. and T.A. according to the rates as fixed by Government. An amount of Rs.3000/-/- is also sanctioned for this purpose.

The expenditure on pay and allowances of the officials (including T.A. and D.A.) will be met from the existing sources and all other expenditure will be debitable to Head "35-External Affairs - K-Miscellaneous - K-8- Other expenses - India's delegation to the U.N. and other International Conferences."

Concurrence of the Ministry of Finance has been obtained to the expenditure and to the release of foreign exchange involved and to this sanction constituting authority for incurring expenditure and making payments. Total expenditure involved will be Rs.27500/-/- (Rupees Twenty Seven thousand and five hundred).

A copy of this sanction is also being sent to you through the Ministry of Finance.

Yours faithfully,

*R. S. Chavan*

(R. S. Chavan)  
Under Secretary (FEA)

Copy to the Ministry of Finance (with 8 spare copies) for communication to audit. Sanction has been given with the concurrence of that Ministry vide their U.O.No.D.3834-EAI/56, dated 5.4.56.

Copy also forwarded to :-

- 1) Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Railways, New Delhi.
- 2) Shri S. N. Maitra, ICS.



- 3) Shri Suresh Chandra Bose.
- 4) Embassy of India in Japan, Tokyo  
(3 spare copies).
- 5) Embassy of India, Bangkok(3 spare copies).
- 6) Representative to the Government of India,  
Singapore(3 copies spare).
- 7) Consulate General of India, Saigon  
(3 spare copies).
- 8) Ministry of Finance(Eco. Affairs Division).
- 9) E. II, E. I, FSP, Cash(3 copies), B&A/Transport,  
F.G.(2 copies), FSI(3 copies), 25 spare copies  
for this Section.
- 10) Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 11) P. A. to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.

By order, etc.,

*R. S. Chavan*

(R. S. Chavan)  
Under Secretary(FEA)

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17th April, 56

Dear Mr. Maitra,

Will you please refer to your letter dated April 11, 1956, to Mr. Kaul regarding the sanction?

2. Sanction is being issued to make available additional Rs.3,000/- for payment to witnesses abroad and also for Rs.1,000/- for entertainment in Japan. You may presume that this amount is available. We agree that payment to witnesses is rather a delicate matter and so are not imposing any specific conditions when accepting the liability. We suggest that you adopt the suggestion made by yourself that payment should be made in consultation with the local Government.

3. The other points raised by you relating to the extension of the life of the Committee until 30th June and the appointment on special duty in this Ministry for you on the same emoluments drawn by you in the Andamans have been taken up separately. We will do our best to finalise every thing by the end of this week.

4. I confirm that the P.A. will be entitled to Air Passage by Tourist Class and that of the Committee by First Class. I also confirm that all three members would be allowed to travel in the air-conditioned compartment.

5. The other points will also require examination and will be done as quickly as possible. With regard to the commencement of the deputation, however, the existing orders will operate except that in your case the post will be deemed to have been created from the 3rd of April- the date you reported here.

Yours sincerely,

(S.K.Roy)

Shri S.N.Maitra, ICS.,  
Member, Netaji Enquiry Committee,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
NEW DELHI.



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IMMEDIATE

No.F.16(7)-FEA/56  
Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs  
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New Delhi, the 24th April, 1956.

To

The Accountant General,  
Central Revenues,  
New Delhi.

Subject:- Committee to investigate into the correctness  
of the story about the death of Shri Subhas  
Chandra Bose.  
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Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry letter No.F.30(26)-  
FEA/55, dated the 7th April, 1956, sanctioning the terms  
of appointment of the Members of the Committee appointed  
to investigate into the circumstances of the alleged  
death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, I am directed to say  
that the President is pleased to accord sanction to the  
following :-

1) An expenditure of Rs.3,000/- may be incurred by  
the Chairman of the Committee for payment of T.A.  
and D.A. to the witnesses abroad that might be  
called for giving their evidence before the  
Committee. The rates of T.A. and D.A. to be paid  
to the witnesses abroad may be fixed in accordance  
with para. 4 of this Ministry's letter No.30(26)-  
FEA/55, dated the 17th April, 1956, or in  
accordance with the terms advised by the local  
Government of the country as may be decided by  
the Committee in the interest of India. Shri  
Shah Nawaz Khan, the Chairman of the Committee  
is allowed to draw this amount which is in addi-  
tion to the sum of Rs.3,000/- already sanctioned  
for payment to witnesses in letter No.F.30(26)-  
FEA/55, dated the 7th April, 1956. Shri Shah  
Nawaz Khan will maintain the accounts and render  
these to you direct.

ii) In order to meet expenses on entertainment abroad,  
the Chairman of the Committee, Shri Shah Nawaz  
Khan is allowed to draw and spend a sum of  
Rs.1,000/-. He will maintain and render accounts  
to you direct on this expenditure also.

2. Shri Shah Nawaz Khan is allowed to draw these amounts  
in advance, if necessary, and in the currency of the country  
in which the expenditure is to be incurred.



3. Concurrence of the Ministry of Finance has been obtained to this sanction vide their U.O.No.4424-EAI/56 dated the 23rd April, 1956.

4. A copy of this also being sent to you through the Ministry of Finance.

Yours faithfully,

*R.S. Chavan*

Under Secretary.

Copy to the Ministry of Finance (with 8 spare copies) for communication to audit.

Copy also forwarded to :-

1. Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Chairman, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Enquiry Committee c/o Embassy of India, Bangkok. (2 copies).
2. Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Chairman, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Enquiry Committee, c/o The Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Calcutta (2 copies).
3. Embassy of India in Japan, Tokyo (3 spare copies).
4. Embassy of India, Bangkok (3 spare copies).
5. Representative to the Government of India, Singapore.
6. Consulate General of India, Saigon (3 spare copies).
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By order, etc.,

*R.S. Chavan*

Under Secretary.

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Telegram

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From: Foreign New Delhi.  
To : Indembassy Bangkok.  
Congendia Saigon.

DTO APRIL 24 NIL.

IMMEDIATE

No. 2617.

Letter sanctioning Rs. 3000/- for payment to witnesses abroad appearing before Netaji Enquiry Committee and Rs. 1000/- for entertainments by Committee follows. If Shri Shah Nawaz Khan requests advance on these accounts it may be paid.

PPS TO PM: PS TO PM(4): SHRI V.K. KRISHNA MENON: DY MINISTER:  
SG(2): FS(2): CS(2): JSE: JSAD: DSXP: DSADF: SOFA: USEFA(2):  
USFG(2) AND CAB SECY.

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24-4-1956.

Superintendent CCB.

Mr. K  
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F.30(26)-FPA/55.

IMMEDIATE  
EXPRESS DELIVERY.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

New Delhi (3), the 25th April 1956

To

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan,  
Chairman, Netaji Subhash Chandra  
Enquiry Committee, C/o. The Chief  
Secretary, West Bengal Government,  
Calcutta.

Sir,

I am directed to say that as the Indian Embassy at Tokyo is not in a position to spare an India-based stenographer and it is not possible to send a stenographer from India to work with the Committee as desired by you, you are hereby authorised to hire one local stenographer on your arrival in Japan for the work of the Committee. The Indian Embassy are being requested to locate a suitable local stenographer for engagement by the Committee on their arrival in Japan. They are also being requested to render to the Committee such assistance as possible.

The local stenographer can be paid such honorarium as may be considered reasonable by our Ambassador in Japan provided it does not exceed Rs.500/-. The amount of honorarium may be met from the amount of contingencies sanctioned for the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

sd/-  
(R.S. Chavan).  
Under Secretary (FPA).

Copy to the Indian Embassy, Tokyo in  
continuation of this Ministry letter No.F.71(A)1/Per-C/56  
dated the 24th April, 1956.

(R.S. Chavan).  
Under Secretary (FPA).

Copies despatched by  
bag also to our mission  
at Bangkok, Saigon and  
Tokyo to the Chairman.

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TELEGRAM: RESTRICTED

From: Indembassy, Tokyo.  
To : Foreign, New Delhi.

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MAITRA Netaji Enquiry Committee for KAUL.

Your telegram No. 25149 8th May. As intimated in my D.O. April 11 expect submit report by June 30 unless there is delay due unforeseen reasons.

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W. C. Hoss

Superintendent CCB.

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From: Foreign New Delhi.  
To : Indemassy, Tokyo.

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No. 25149. For Maitra.

You are aware Committee appointed was for five week's time. You will now be in better position to say whether this time is sufficient for completion of work. Grateful if exact time required be telegraphed to enable us to work out financial aspect.

PPS TO PM: PS TO PM(4): MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO: MIN:  
DY MIN: SG(2): FS(2): CS(2): JSS: JSE: JSAD: DSXP: DSADP:  
SOFA: USPERC(2): USFEA(2): CAB SECY.

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*R. S. Sanyal*  
Superintendent CCB.

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Superintendent CCB.

DHAWAN(29)  
9/5/1956.



No.D.2786-FEA/56.  
Government of India,  
Ministry of External Affairs.

New Delhi, the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1956.

NOTE FOR THE CABINET

Subject:- Deputation to Japan, Indo-China, Thailand of a Committee to make investigation into the alleged death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

It was assumed that the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Enquiry Committee which started its function with effect from the 29th March 1956 would be able to complete its investigation in five weeks. A total amount of Rs.31,500/- has already been approved by the Cabinet to meet the extended expenditure. The Committee after having worked for sometime, consider that it will take a longer time than it was initially anticipated and expects to submit its report by the 30th June 1956, if it is not delayed due to unforeseen reasons. In view of this an extension of the life of the Committee till 30th June 1956 and the additional expenditure involved, as indicated below, has to be sanctioned:

1) D.A. to three members of the Committee for additional 10 days abroad.	Rs. 2,190/-
2) D.A. to P.A. to the Chairman for additional 10 days abroad.	Rs. 550/-
3) Extra D.A. @ Rs.20/- per day to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan for additional one month, viz. May, 1956.	Rs. 620/-
4) Compensatory allowance to Shri Suresh Chandra Bose for two months, viz. May and June, 1956.	Rs. 1,830/-
5) Other unknown charges.	Rs. 1,310/-
Total.-	Rs. 6,500/-

This will raise the total expenditure to Rs.38,000/-.

Approval of the Cabinet is, therefore, required (i) to the extension of the life of the Committee till 30th June 1956 and (ii) to the additional expenditure of Rs.6,500/- as stated above. The Deputy Minister for External Affairs has approved the proposal and the Ministry of Finance have concurred.

(Y.K. Puri)  
Joint Secretary.

The Cabinet Secretariat,  
New Delhi.



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D. 2097-FEA/56

EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN  
TOKYO

Reference No. 6(11)G/56/975

Dated 29th May, 1956.

EXPRESS LETTER

IMMEDIATE

To

Foreign, New Delhi.

Subject:- Contingent Expenditure of the Committee appointed to investigate into the correctness of the story about the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

FEA 9/6  
✓ Reference para.4 of your letter No.F.30(26)-FEA/55, dated the 7th April, 1956 and para.1(1) of your letter of even No., dated the 17th April, 1956. S/N (10)

2. As a result of unanticipated expenditure that the Committee had to incur on the publication of certain press announcements connected with their work, the Chairman requested payment by this Embassy of sums totalling ¥61,391.- (Rs.812-1-0) towards contingencies. As this payment was unavoidable, the amount was paid, in anticipation of the necessary sanction. Similar payments under this head may, as well, have to be made on behalf of the Committee, in future.

3. It will be noticed that these payments have resulted in excess to the sanctioned grant for contingencies of the Committee. It is presumed that the suitable action will be taken at your end to regularize the position. This may kindly be confirmed.

A.K. Dar  
( A.K. Dar )  
First Secretary



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DEPARTMENT/OFFICE

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No.Dy.No.2897-FEA/56 Dated

15/6/56

2. List of enclosures

EXPRESS LETTER

From.....Foreign, New Delhi.

To .....Indembassy, Tokyo.

Subject:- Contingent Expenditure of the Committee appointed to investigate into the correctness of the story about the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

Reference correspondence resting with your letter No.6(11)G/56/975 dated the 29th May, 1956, on the subject noted above.

2. Grateful <sup>to be informed what other</sup> ~~for details of similar~~ <sup>expenditure incurred</sup> ~~payments made~~ on behalf of the Committee

may kindly be intimated to enable us to take necessary action.

(G.J. Stracey)  
Under Secretary (FEA)

Copy with a copy of the letter replied to to B+A.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JAPAN  
TOKYO

Reference No. 6(11)G/56/1183



Dated 2nd July 1959.

To  
Foreign, New Delhi.

Subject:- Netaji Enquiry Committee deputed to Japan -  
Accounts thereof.

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Your Express letter No.Dy.2897-FEA/56, dated the  
15th June, 1956.

2. A statement showing the details of payments made  
by this Embassy to or on behalf of the Netaji Enquiry  
Committee is enclosed.

3. The Committee arrived in Tokyo on the 4th May,  
1956 (A.N.) and left on the 6th June, 1956 (F.N.).

4. With regard to the expenditure incurred by this  
Embassy towards the cost of hotel accommodation of the members  
of the Committee, your attention is invited to this Embassy  
letter No.F.6(11)G/56/727, dated the 5th May, 1956. The  
expenditure in question may kindly be regularized as already  
requested, under intimation to the Accountant General, Central  
Revenues and this Embassy.

5. It may be added that the entire expenditure as  
shown in the statement referred to above was debited to the  
head "35-External Affairs - K-Miscellaneous - K-8 Other Expenses  
- India's Delegation to the U.N. and Other International Con-  
ferences".

*A.K. Dar*  
( A.K. Dar )  
First Secretary

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Statement showing the details of the payments made by the Embassy of India in Japan, Tokyo, to or on behalf of the NETAJI ENQUIRY COMMITTEE.

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S.No.	No. and date of Payment Voucher	Brief Particulars	Amount	Amount	Remarks
			in local currency ¥	in Indian currency Rs. as.	
1.	Y-36, dt. 11.5.56	Advance towards Cash Allce. for 10 days' stay in Tokyo to - Shri Khan ¥25,000) " Bose ¥25,000) " Maitra ¥25,000) " Dayal ¥18,750)	93,750	1,240-1	
2.	Y-56, dt. 15.5.56	Advance towards Entertainment.	60,000	793-10	Given to Chairman.
3.	Y-63, dt. 21.5.56	Advance towards Cash Allce. for 10 days to Shri Maitra.	25,000	330-11	
4.	Y-66, dt. 22.5.56	-do- to Shri Bose.	25,000	330-11	
5.	Y-67, dt. 23.5.56	Advance towards Contingencies.	61,391	812-1	Vide Express Letter No.6(11) G/56/975, dt. 29.5.56. Given to Chairman.
6.	Y-74, dt. 26.5.56	Advance towards C.A. for 10 days to Shri Dayal.	18,750	248-0	
7.	Y-80, dt. 29.5.56	Advance towards C.A. for 12 days to - Shri Bose ¥30,000) " Maitra ¥30,000) " Dayal ¥22,500)	82,500	1,091-4	
8.	Y-18, dt. 1.6.56	-do- for 22 days to - Shri Khan.	55,000	727-8	
9.	Y-33, dt. 8.6.56	Cost of Photos.	12,960	171-7	Paid to Firm.
10.	Y-34, dt. 8.6.56	D.A. & T.A. of the Witnesses.	242,392	3,206-4	Paid to Foreign Office of Japanese Government.
11.	Y-55, dt. 15.6.56	Rent for one typewriter.	9,000	119-12	Paid to Firm.
12.	Y-61, dt. 18.6.56	Cost of hotel accommodation for stay in Tokyo from 4/5/56 (A.N.) to 6/6/56 (F.N.) - 33 nights, for - Shri Khan ¥217,800) " Bose ¥123,420) " Maitra ¥130,680) " Dayal ¥ 65,340)	537,240	7,106-6	Paid to Imperial Hotel.
TOTAL			1,222,983	16,177-0	







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Most Immediate

No.F.16(7)-FEA/56  
Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs  
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New Delhi, the 26th July, 1956.

To

The Accountant General  
Central Revenues,  
New Delhi.

Sub:- Committee to investigate into the  
correctness of the story about the  
death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.  
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Sl no(6)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry letter No. F.30(26)-FEA/55 dated the 7th April, 1956 conveying sanction for the appointment of the Netaji Enquiry Committee for a period of 5 weeks and for the expenditure connected therewith. The Committee, after having worked for sometime, considered that it would take longer than it was initially anticipated and now expects to submit its report by the end of July, 1956. The Government of India have therefore decided to extend the life of the Committee upto the 31st July, 1956 on the same terms and conditions sanctioned earlier. The following additional expenditure is estimated to be involved on account of the extension:-

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| (1) Additional D.A. to three members of the Committee for stay abroad...               | Rs.2190/-  |
| (2) Additional D.A. to P.A. to the Chairman for stay abroad.                           | Rs. 550/-  |
| (3) Extra D.A. @ Rs.20/- per day to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan from 1.5.56 to 10.6.56        | Rs. 820/-  |
| (4) Compensatory allowances to Shri S.C. Bose from May to July 1956 @ Rs.30/- per day. | Rs.2,760/- |
| (5) Daily allowance to Shri S.C. Bose @ Rs.12/8/- per day for about 1½ months.         | Rs. 575/-  |
| (5) Other unknown charges.   | Rs.1,405/- |

Total:

Rs.8,300/-



4. The expenditure on pay and allowances of the officials will continue to be met from the existing sources and all other expenditure will be debited to the head of accounts as mentioned at para 9 of this Ministry letter dated 7-4-56 mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary (FEA)

Copy to the Ministry of Finance (with 8 spare copies for communication to audit). Sanction has been given with the concurrence of that Ministry vide their U.O.No.7822-RAI/56 dated 25-7-56.

Copy to:-

1. Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Chairman of the Committee with 5 spare copies.
2. Ministry of Home Affairs.
3. Ministry of Transport
4. Ministry of Railways,
5. Department of Parliamentary Affairs.
6. P&P, Cash (3 copies), D&A, F.G. Sections
7. 25 spare copies for FEA Section

By order, etc.,

Under Secretary (FEA)

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MEMORANDUM.

No...TDII/20-19/k.w/1781

dated the.....

6 SEP 1956

From

To

Office of the Asstt Genl.

Central Revenues,

New Delhi.

The Under Secretary, to the  
Govt. of India,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
New Delhi.

Subject.....Committee to investigate into the correctness  
of the story about the death of Shri Subhash  
Chander Bose.

Sir,

I am to invite a reference to the G.I. Ministry  
of Ext. Affairs New letter no. F16(7)-FEA/56 dt.  
26/7/56, on the above subject. It is presumed that  
the sum of Rs.1505/- (item no. (6)) earmarked as for  
'Other unknown charges' represent contingent charges.  
This may kindly be confirmed. Details of these unknown  
charges, if available may also please be furnished.

Yours faithfully,

A. Grover

(A. Grover)

Assistant Accountant General

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O. H. M. S.

To



5 OCT 1956

To

The Accountant General,  
Central Revenues, New Delhi.

Subject:- Committee to investigate the correctness  
of the story about the death of Shri  
Subhash Chandra Bose.

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Sir,

LL No (24)  
I am directed to refer to your letter No.  
TD.II/20-19/K.W/1781, dated the 6th September,  
1956, and to confirm the your presumption is correct.  
Details of the expenditure under contingent  
charges are, as already intimated to you vide this  
Ministry letter No. 30(26)-FEA/56, dated the 7th  
April, 1956, to be furnished to you direct by the  
Chairman of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary (FEA)

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SHAH NAWAZ KHAN, M.P.  
Chairman, Netaji Enquiry Committee.

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D.O. No. PS/56/NEC.  
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

TO  
MINISTER FOR  
TRANSPORT & RAILWAYS  
INDIA

New Delhi,  
Dated the 18th July 1956.

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Dear Shri Kaul,

We have been paying our witnesses first-class train fare and D.A. for first-class officers. One of them, Shri Rama Murti, who was examined on the Committee's return to Delhi, came from Madras. He said that he was not in good health and insisted on bringing his Japanese wife with him. As he was a very important witness, we had to agree to Mrs. Rama Murti coming along with her husband. This was conveyed to Mr. Rama Murti. He has been paid for himself but has also put in a claim for his wife. As this is a special case, I would request that Government be good enough to allow Mrs. Ramamurti to be paid rail fare and D.A. at Delhi as well as her husband.

Yours sincerely,

*Shah Nawaz Khan*  
(SHAH NAWAZ KHAN)

Shri T.N. Kaul, ICS,  
Joint Secy,  
Ministry of E.A.,  
New Delhi.

*Do we have only one fare each way or 1/2 fare each way? actually 1/2 fare each way.*

*Shah Nawaz Khan*  
18/7/56

F.E.A.



DEPARTMENT/OFFICE

Draft <sup>Letter</sup> ~~Memorandum~~ D.O.  
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No. D. 3628 <sup>4802-15A/56</sup> ~~FEA/56~~ Dated

19/10 Oct., 1956.

List of enclosures

Dear Shri Shah Nawaz,

Please refer to your letter No. PS/56/NEC dated the 18th July, 1956 proposing payment of rail fare and daily allowance for haltage at Delhi to Mrs. Rama Murthi who accompanied her husband due to his ill health. The case was duly processed in the Ministry but I am sorry to say that we have <sup>only</sup> been able to obtain Government's sanction to the payment of single first class railway fare from Madras to Delhi and back to Mrs. Rama Murthi but no daily allowance. Necessary sanction letter in this regard is being issued separately.

Yours sincerely,

(T.N. KAUL).

C. T. Arany.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan,  
Deputy Minister for Railways,  
New Delhi.



DEPARTMENT/OFFICE

Draft <sup>Letter</sup> Memorandum  
Telegram

Serial No.  
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1. Date of despatch

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No. D 4802 FCR/56 Dated

11/X/1956

The A. G. C. R.,  
New Delhi.

Subject: Committee to investigate the circumstances leading to the death of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose- Financial sanction for payment to Mrs Rama Murthi.

Sir,

In connection with the investigation ~~into~~ <sup>the</sup> report of alleged death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Shri Rama Murthi <sup>from Madras</sup> gave ~~his~~ evidence as a witness before the <sup>Netaji</sup> Enquiry Committee. Due to his ill health, <sup>however</sup> it was necessary for Shri Rama Murthi to be accompanied by his wife during the <sup>former's</sup> journey to Delhi. Sanction of the President is accorded to the grant to her of single first class rail fare from Madras to Delhi and back, as a special case.

2. The expenditure involved will be debitable to the Head, "35-External Affairs-K-Miscellaneous K-7-Other expenses-India's delegation to the U.N. and other International Conferences."

3. This issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance through whom a copy is being endorsed to you.

Copy to Cash Sec. (2) with the request that necessary T.A. bill be prepared for Mrs. Rama Murthi - my kind be prepared and forwarded to her in Madras for signature.

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MGIRC-SE-201 (Genl.) MFP/55 (6767/C-1198)-18-1-56-50,000 Pads.

Copy to Cash (2) B&A/EII/EIV Sections.

Copy to Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Deputy Minister,

Y/F

US(FEA)

forwarded to the Y/F

Copy, with 4 spare copies for communication to the AGCR, New Delhi. Sanction has been accorded with the concurrence of that Ministry, vide their UO No 9605 EAI/56, dated the 20th September, 1956.



DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Serial No.  
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Date

No. 11/11/56 Dated

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Ministry of Railways, New Delhi. His

No PS/56/NBC, dated the 18th July, 1956

T.N. Kaul refers.

Copy to Shri Rama Murthi,

C/o Coronet 1/155,  
Mount Road, Madras.

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